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Cycling is fun!
Bicycles are interesting and meaningful!
The bicycle is powered by willpower and sweat.
I think it's one of the greatest inventions by mankind.

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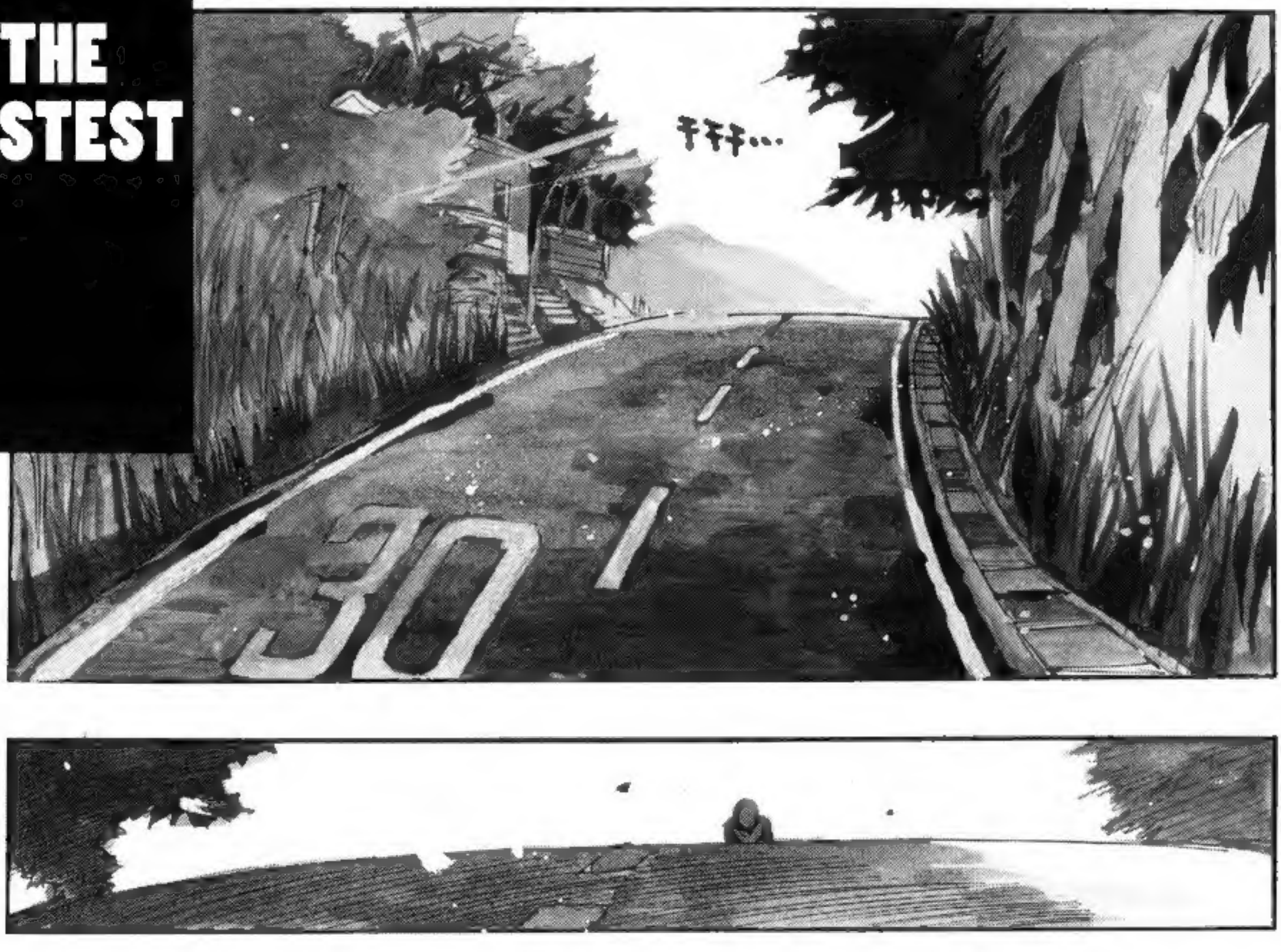

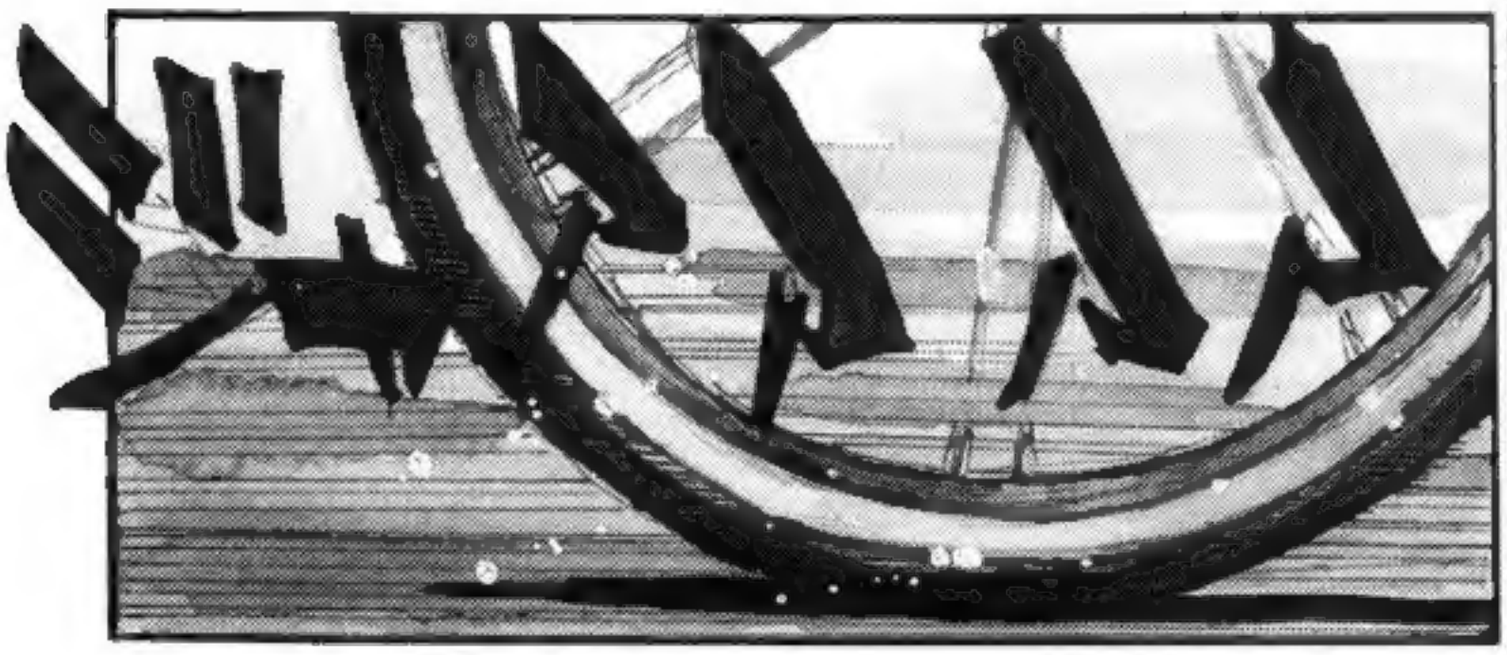

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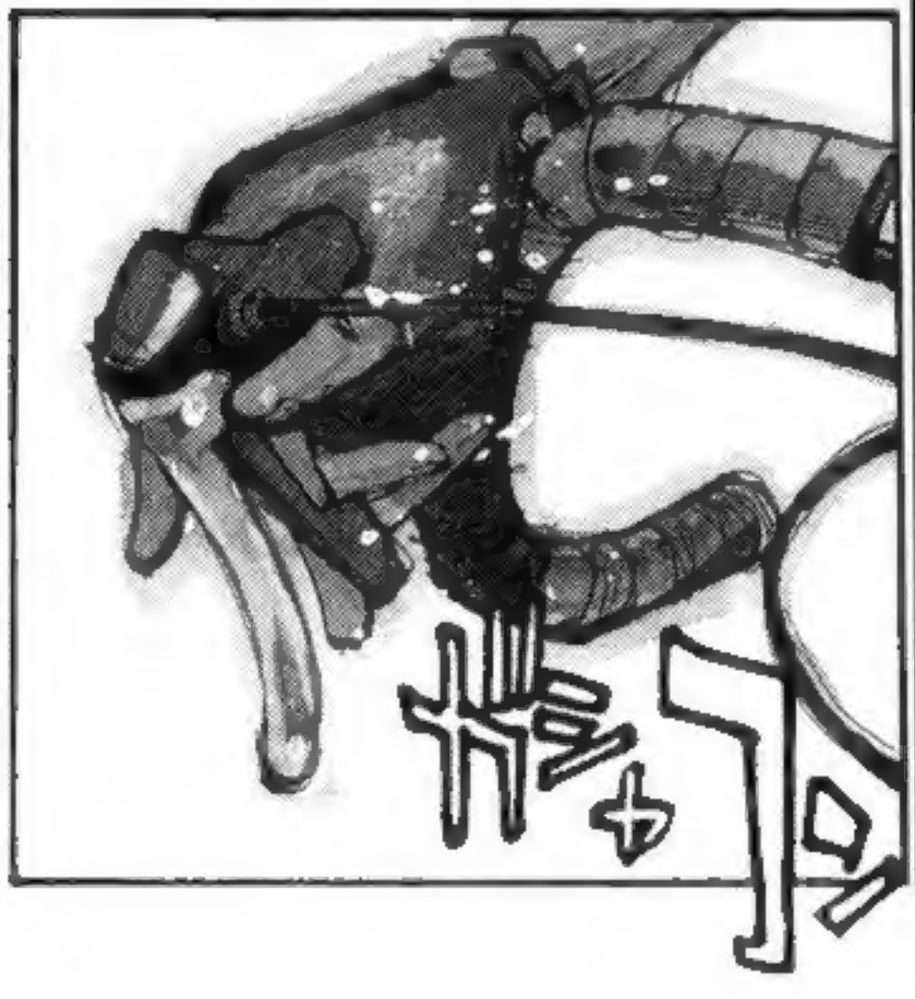

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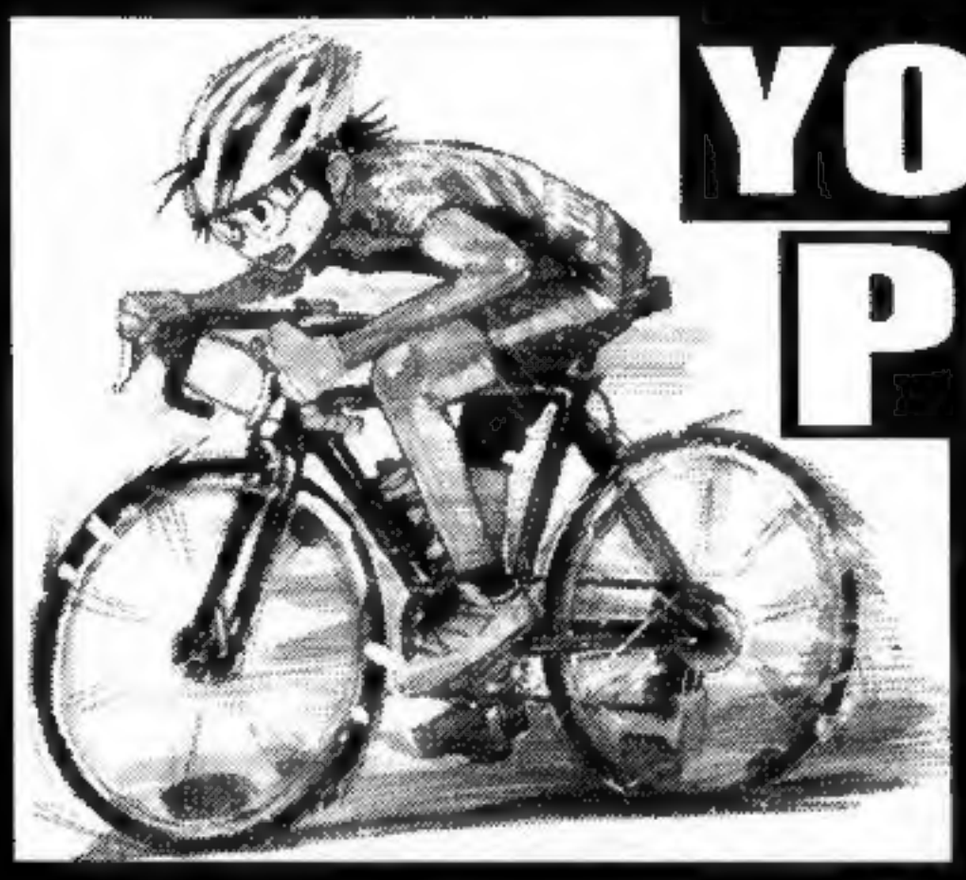

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haha. really!

mornin'! hey!

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王立軍

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WANNA HANG OUT AT SHIBUYA AFTER SCHOOL?

SURE! I WANT TO SEE THAT CLOTHES SHOP YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT.

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I WANT TO HAVE DESSERT AT THE MALL TOO.

YOU MEAN THE SHOP THAT WAS FEATURED IN JUNNO?

OH, "ALCOMA"? IF "THE WALKERS" ARE THERE, I'M IN!

THAT BAND'S PLAYING AT SHINJUKU TODAY! WANT TO GO AFTER SCHOOL?

TODAY,

I'M GOING SOMEWHERE, TOO!

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HEH ...

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IKEBU-KURO!?

I GOT A PART-TIME JOB AT MY SIS'S PLACE AT 'BUKURO,

YEAH, AND I'VE GOT TIME TO KILL TILL EVENING. WANNA COME ALONG?

SURE!

TO AKIBA!!

THE ELECTRIC CITY, AKIHABARA!

WITH THE NEW AND THE WONDERFUL!

A PARADISE PACKED,

AND ALL THE CAPSULE TOYS YOU COULD EVER WANT, FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW!

FIGURES, DVDS, GAMES,

ANIME GOODS,

IT'S TRULY A CITY BRIMMING WITH THE THINGS I LOVE!

AND THIS SCHOOL IS CLOSER TO AKIBA THAN MY HOUSE IS...!

heh...!

I HAVE TO GO!

The bonus footage I've been waiting for!

and the special soundtrack!

TODAY IS THE RELEASE DATE FOR THE 1ST TRAKON DVD!

FIGHT !!

IT'S THE THRILL OF GETTING IT BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE!

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OH !!

OH !!

OH !!

OH !!

OR

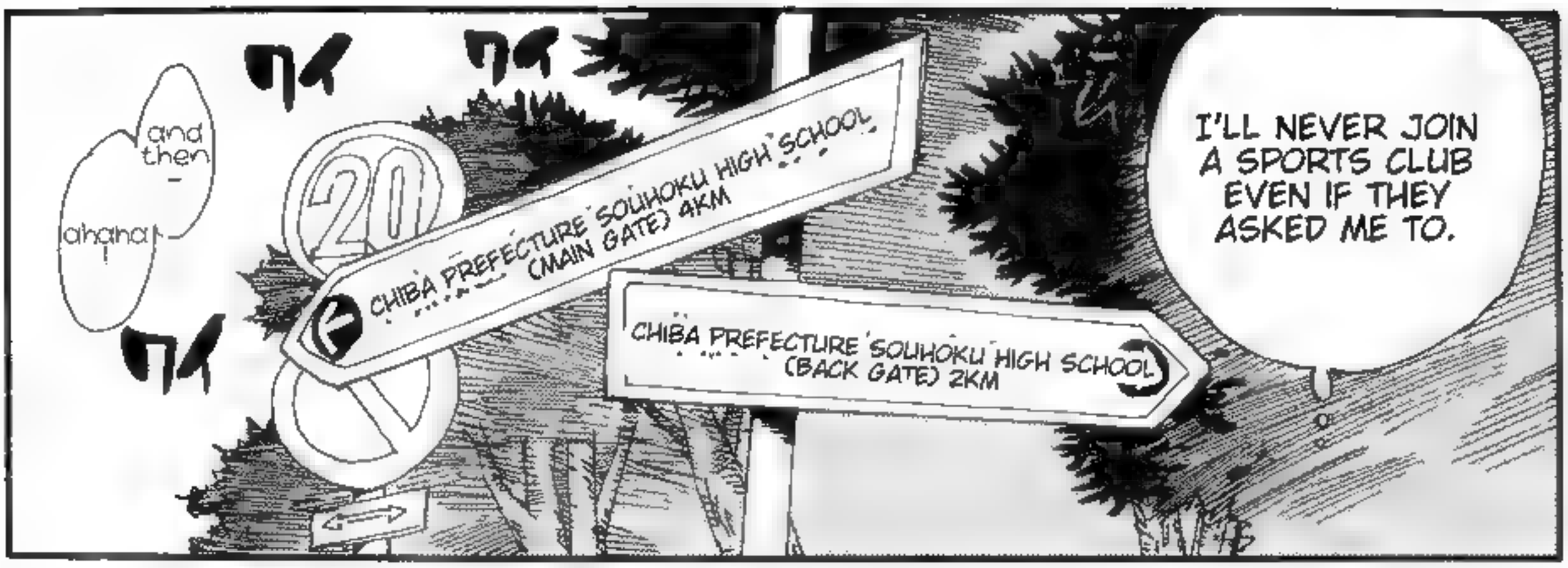
ARE THEY FROM THE JUDO CLUB? KENDO?

WHOA, THAT WAS SCARY.

SPORTS CLUBS ARE SO SCARY.

MAN, I GOT A FRIGHT...

AND THEY'RE TOO LOUD, BECAUSE THEY'RE SHOUTING ALL THE TIME!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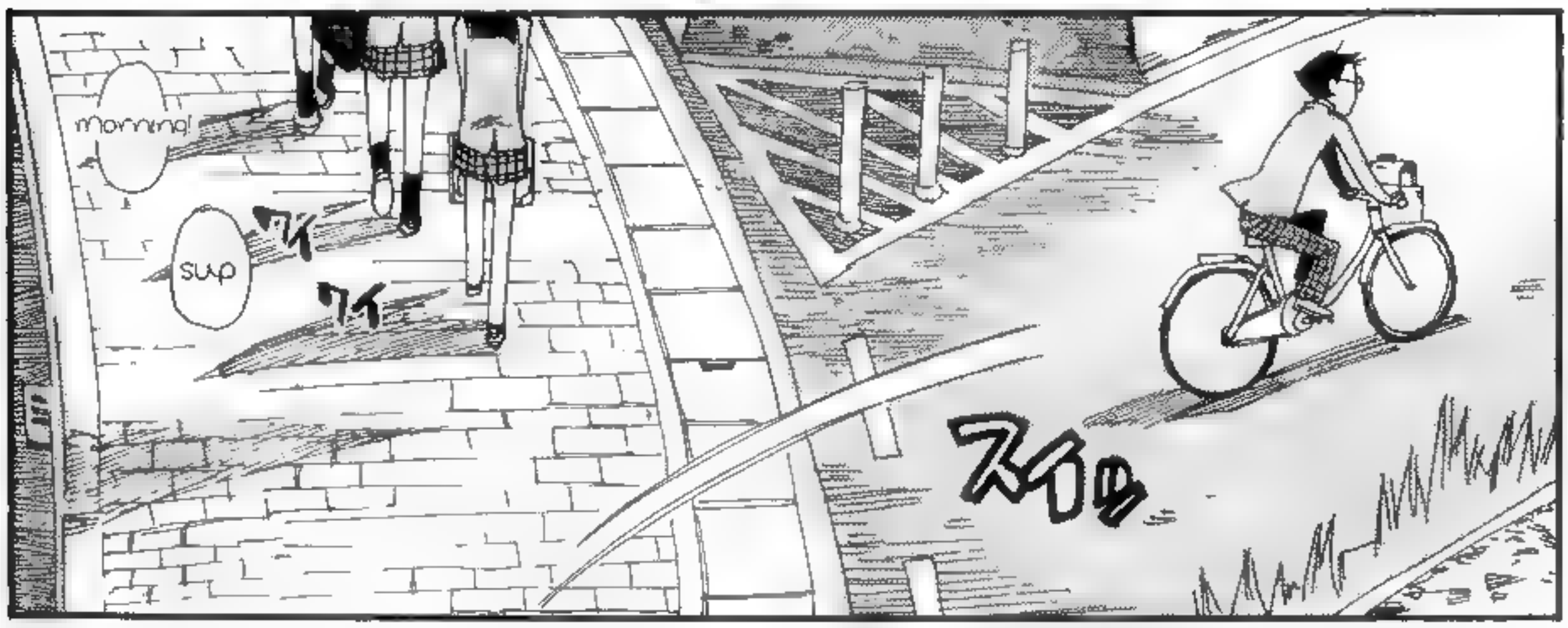
CHIBA PREFECTURE SOUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL (MAIN GATE) 4KM
CHIBA PREFECTURE SOUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL (BACK GATE) 2KM
I'LL NEVER JOIN A SPORTS CLUB EVEN IF THEY ASKED ME TO.


morning!
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LOVE★HIME OPENING THEME
KOI NO HIMEHIME PETTANKO

DUN
DUN
DUN!
NO ONE WILL HEAR ME!

THE STUDENTS COMMUTING BY BUS AND TRAIN TAKE THE WIDER PATH TO THE MAIN GATE, SO NO ONE USES THE BACK GATE!
I'VE CHECKED THIS ROUTE FIVE TIMES BEFORE!
SO EVEN IF I SING AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS...

ALRIGHT! FOR A CHANGE OF PACE, I'M GOING TO SING!!

HI-ME HIME! ♪

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A CAR!!

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ARE YOU OKAY!?

S, SORRY, I DIDN'T NOTICE THE CAR ...

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, PLEASE CONTACT THE NUMBER ON THIS NAMECARD.

AH, JUST A MOMENT !

TAKA-HASHI, WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS.

AH, DON'T WORRY, ME TOO.

I FALL OFF MY BICYCLE PRETTY OFTEN, SO,

HE'S TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS ...!

I'M FINE...

UM,

I,

WARGH!

I'M WORN OUT FROM MORNING PRACTICE, SO I WANT TO GET TO THE CLASSROOM SOON.

I'M VERY SORRY, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD BE A KID ON A BIKE OUT ON THIS ROAD.

TAKA-HASHI, YOU MUST BE MAKING A MISTAKE.

HA?

HE WASN'T RIDING A BIKE, BUT PUSHING IT, RIGHT?

I'D BE CONVINCED IF IT WAS A ROAD BIKE WITH TEN GEARS,

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD RIDE UP...

WAS AN UTILITY BIKE.

BUT THAT,

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A SLOPE WITH A STEEP INCLINE LIKE THIS!

SOUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL, IN THE CHIBA PREFECTURE

IT IS A GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

総北高等学校

15 MINUTES AWAY BY BUS. FROM THE GAKUEN TOSHI STATION ON THE SOBU LINE.

AND SITUATED ON A HILL IN THE BOUSOU PENINSULA.

BY TODAY, AFTER SCHOOL.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ACADEMIC OPTION SURVEY FORMS,

I'M MATSUYAMA. NICE TO MEET YOU!

SHALL WE EX-CHANGE EMAILS?

I'M KINDA NERVOUS.

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YES.

PLEASE OVERSEE THE COLLECTION, CLASS REP.

THERE'S THIS REALLY STRONG GUY FROM IZUM MIDDLE. HE'S FUJISAWA.

THE CAPTAIN ...

I'VE ALREADY FILLED OUT THE APPLICATION FORM.

ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE PLAYING BASKETBALL?

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OH, THAT GUY FROM THE SOCCER CLUB WITH THE SHAVED HEAD?

I DO!

DO YOU KNOW HAYASHI-KUN FROM 2ND MIDDLE?

部活動のしおり

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THERE !!

THERE IT IS!!
YES!
THERE'S AN ANIME CLUB!!
部室棟 2F B5
新聞部
カメラつかえる人募集!!

FINALLY...

IT'S MOGU-MOGU RINKO!
mogurin- something?
there was this anime on TV yesterday! i think it was mogura un
oh, that!
the art was pretty good.
i want to correct them so badly!
THEY WEREN'T EXACTLY GOOD MEMORIES...
i see ...
NO! THAT'S THE JOB OF THE ANIMATOR... MANGA AND ANIME ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS!
manga artists have it hard, don't they? they even have to draw the anime!
i don't watch anime any more.
I LIVED IN THE SUBURBS,
SO THERE WASN'T ANYONE I COULD TALK TO IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ABOUT ANIME.

AND I ENDED UP SPENDING THREE YEARS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE ABOUT MY INTERESTS.

Rinko is a mole, but she loves the sun!

the anime was faithful to Kitaizumi Tobira-sensei's art and concept!

Shall I lend you the manga...?

AND THE SCHOOL IS CLOSE TO AKIHABARA!

I CAN ALWAYS GO AFTER SCHOOL,

AND EVEN HUNT FOR ANIME MERCH WITH FRIENDS!

HOW WONDERFUL ...!!

I CAN TALK ABOUT ANIME AND MANGA AS MUCH AS I WANT!

BUT NOW THAT I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL,

I FORESEE AN ENJOYABLE HIGH-SCHOOL LIFE AHEAD OF ME ...!

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AFTER SCHOOL

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Notice

The Anime and Manga club has been disbanded due to the lack of members.

A minimum of 5 students will be required to register their interest to restart the club.

第1話

DIS

BANDED

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING----

UWAAAAAAA!

IT'S A PITY! BUT THERE'S STILL HOPE, IF WE CAN FIND FIVE MEMBERS! WILL YOU HELP ME OUT-

ARE YOU INTERESTED !?

EEK ..!

TO REVIVE THE CLUB!?

THAT'S THE ANIME CLUB ...

SO THERE ARE CLUBS THAT ARE LISTED ON THE GUIDE, BUT HAVE BEEN DISBANDED?

部活動のしおり

AND I'M JOINING THE BICYCLE RACING CLUB.

I'M JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB.

THAT'S RIGHT.

HE'S CREEPY ...

W, WAIT, YOU'RE NOT?

I FRIGHTENED THEM!!

SORRY ...

I GOT A LITTLE TOO EXCITED ...

S, SORRY FOR JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS!

haha!

I SEE.

REALLY ...

THEY'RE GOING FOR THE SPORTS CLUBS ...

HAHA, SO I WAS MISTAKEN AFTER ALL...

OH...

WHAT?

Yeah, I'm going to Akiba.

IF THAT'S SO,

AH,

HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO AKIBA AFTER SCHOOL, OR SOMETHING!

REALLY?

THAT SERIOUSLY CREEPED ME OUT.

OH, AKIBA!

I CAN HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR...

THERE'S ONLY ONE EVERY HOUR!

IF YOU DON'T HURRY, YOU'RE GOING TO MISS THE BUS!

WORRIED ABOUT ME...!?

SHE WAS ...

EH...?

WHOA...

BICYCLE ...?

I...

SHE'S A NICE PERSON...!

I'LL BE FINE! I'LL BE GOING BY BICYCLE!

I WON'T LOSE HOPE!

I'M SURE I CAN FIND 5 MEM-BERS ...!

TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, SO THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME!

ALRIGHT! TO AKIBA WITH HASTE!

SO THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE SPORTS CLUB TYPE!

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SINCE I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE CAPTAIN.

I CAN GO GREET THE BICYCLE CLUB SENIORS SOME OTHER DAY...

TO DROP OUT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HANDLE THE PHYSICAL STRAIN OF PRACTICE...

IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE IGNORANT FRESHMEN.

YOU'RE IMAIZUMI-KUN FROM ICHIBA THIRD, RIGHT?

UH, UM...

I WAS FROM THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT WE WERE NEVER IN THE SAME CLASS...

FINISHING SECOND...

WITH THAT DIFFERENCE IN SKILL COMPARED TO FIRST PLACE, THERE'S NO GLORY IN THAT TITLE AT ALL.

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IT WAS A REAL PITY THAT YOU FINISHED IN SECOND PLACE, UM...

UM, ACTUALLY, I WENT TO SEE YOU AT THE FINALS...

男子更衣室
CHANGING ROOM

BUT RIGHT NOW,

I'M SURE I'LL HAVE TO COME UP AGAINST HIM IN THE NATIONAL RACE, ANYWAY.

I'VE GOT TO SUBMIT THE CLUB APPLICATION FORM LATER...

THE INTER-HIGH IS CLOSE...

JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE, MIDOUSUJI...

SHIMANO
DURA-ACE
XTR

DURA-ACE
XTR
SHIMANO

SPDSL
DURA-ACE
SHIMANO
XTR

I HAVEN'T TAKEN OUT THE COMPACT DRIVE*, SO I MIGHT AS WELL.

I'LL START WITH THE MOUNTAIN.

THERE ARE MOUNTAINS, PLENTY OF FLAT LAND AND STRAIGHT ROADS.

IT'S PERFECT FOR SPRINTING AND CLIMBING PRACTICE.

THIS SCHOOL IS BUILT IN AN IDEAL ENVIRON-MENT...

*A GEAR WITH SMALL SPROCKETS. IT'S COMMONLY USED FOR SCALING MOUNTAIN TERRAIN AS IT INCREASES THE RATE OF REVOLUTION WITH LESS FORCE THAN IS USUALLY NEEDED.

ALRIGHT.

ALL SET!

OH, ME?

I'M A FIRST YEAR FROM CLASS 1-4...

EH?

WAIT.

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS ONODA SAKAMICHI.

SAKAMICHI?

ANYWAY, THIS WAY IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU.

THIS IS THE "BACK-GATE HILL".

THE MAIN GATE IS THAT WAY.

BACK GATE? HILL?

I DIDN'T ASK ABOUT THAT.

IT DOESN'T SUIT ME AT ALL, RIGHT? MY PARENTS NAMED ME IN THE HOPES THAT I WOULD GROW UP STRONG, BUT I'M NOT QUITE...

WHAT A WEIRD NAME.

IT'S KNOWN AS THE "MAIN GATE SLOPE".

THE ROUTE FROM THE MAIN GATE IS LONGER, BUT IT'S A GENTLE SLOPE.

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS, BUT SINCE YOU'RE AN AIRHEAD,

I'LL WARN YOU NOW.

THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

I'M GOING TO AKIBA, SO I'M TAKING THE SHORTCUT.

AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

ALSO,

YOU CAN GO TO AKIHABARA BY TAKING THE SOBU TRAIN LINE.

THE STATION IS CLOSER IF YOU USE THE MAIN GATE.

THE BACK-GATE HILL IS A SLOPE WITH A STEEP INCLINATION OF MORE THAN 20%.

IF YOU GO DOWN WITHOUT BRAKING, YOU'LL HIT SPEEDS OF 80KM/H, AND THAT'S DANGEROUS.

OH, IT'S FINE, I'M GOING BY BICYCLE.

DON'T GET IN MY WAY.

THAT'S ALL. SEE YOU.

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IS HE SERIOUS?

AKIBA BY BICYCLE!?

AKIHABARA... HE'S PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE OTAKUS.

GOING TO AKIHABARA, RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL... AND WHAT, ON A BICYCLE!?

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I'M GOING BY, B, BIKE, WHOA...!

YEAH, UH, BY BIKE-

DON'T FOLLOW ME! DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT WAS DANGEROUS!?

YOU'RE LOSING BALANCE!

HUH?

HUH!?

USE THE TRAIN!!

NO! I'M GOING BY BICYCLE! AND THAT'S BECAUSE...

WAA!

AH!

W, WHOA!

URK...!

YOU IDIOT!!

YOUR WEIGHT IS GOING TO PUSH YOU TOO FAR FORWARD ...!

WAA!?

YOU SHOULDN'T GET OFF THE SADDLE WHEN GOING DOWNHILL!

HE'S GOING TO FALL!

CRAP!

SAKAMICHI!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

MAN, WHAT A PAIN!

LIKE I SAID, IT'S DANGEROUS!

SHIMANO

BECAUSE ...

!?

I HAVE TO GO BY BICYCLE,

IT'S BECAUSE ...

!?

URGH ...

IS HE STILL ALIVE ?

OH, HE IS.

IT'S FREE THAT WAY!

CAPSULE TOYS ...?

WHAT YOU GETTING SO FIRED UP FOR...?

WITH THE TRAIN FARE SAVED, I CAN GET 5 TRIES ON THE CAPSULE TOY MACHINE!

HUH?

BUT GOING TO AKIBA BY BICYCLE IS CRAZY.

HE'S A TOTAL AIRHEAD.

MAYBE HE'S JUST EXCITED ABOUT HIS FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL,

I'M NOT GOOD WHEN IT COMES TO RIDING DOWNHILL, SO...

GUESS I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING.

IS MORE THAN 45 KILOMETERS ...

THE DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL TO AKIHABARA,

IT'S 40 TO 50 MINUTES BY TRAIN, AND AN HOUR BY CAR.

AND HE'S RIDING AN UTILITY BIKE.

THIS GUY'S AN IDIOT.

haha. come on.

HE WAS RIDING ONE OF THOSE UTILITY BIKES!

AND GOING UPHILL LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!

IT'S TRUE!

SPEAKING OF WHICH ...

HMPH.

I MUST'VE LEFT IT IN CLASS!!

M, MY WALLET!

AH!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

HE'S REALLY JUST AN AIRHEAD.

IT'S NOT ANY OF MY BUSINESS.

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THE HEART RATE MONITOR AND THE CYCLE COMPUTER IS ON...

TIME TO CLIMB THIS HILL!

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HAA

HAA

HAA

AND

RIDING UPHILL IS ALL ABOUT CONSERVING POWER AND REDUCING WEIGHT,

RHYTHM.

WITH JUST THREE SLOPES, HE OVERTOOK ME WITH A 5 MINUTE LEAD.

I LOST TO THAT GUY WHEN WE WERE GOING UPHILL.

BETWEEN THE SITTING AND DANCING POSITIONS

▲ SITTING

THE STRAIN CAN BE SPREAD OUT.

▶ DANCING

DANCING BASICALLY MEANS TO PEDAL WHILE STANDING UP

THE STRAIN IT PUTS ON YOUR MUSCLES GETS WORSE WITH TIME

haa

CLIMBING DOESN'T WORK IF YOU USE ALL YOUR ENERGY FROM THE START.

haa

AND CLIMB AT A STEADY PACE.

I NEED TO MAINTAIN MY HEART RATE AND CADENCE*,

I'LL HAVE TO DROP A GEAR!

DAMN, THE SLOPE'S GETTING STEEPER!

THE FRICTION FROM THE ROAD IS THROWING ME OFF BALANCE!

※ THE SPEED AT WHICH THE PEDALS TURN, MEASURED IN REVOLUTIONS PER MINUTE

THERE'S A BIKE AHEAD ...

IS THAT A ROAD RACER? FROM THE SCHOOL CLUB?

HM?

SHIMANO

I'VE COME TO MY SENSES AFTER HAVING LOST TO HIM!

I'VE BEEN PRACTICING HARD SINCE THEN.

haa

haa

OKAY ...

I DIDN'T SEE THAT JUST NOW... WAS HE RIDING BEFORE ME?

GOOO!

IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY... TO TEST MY SKILLS!

I'LL OVERTAKE HIM!

I'M MUCH FASTER THAN I USED TO BE.

I WON'T LOSE TO YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE A SENIOR!

SHIMANO

JUST A

LITTLE MORE!

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HE'S

SINGING!?

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WHAT INSOLENCE!

GOOOO!

SLOWER THAN I THOUGHT!

HE'S

HE'S SLOW!

HI--ME
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LOVELY CHANCE! PETANKO-CHAN♪

HE'S RIDING ON THAT UTILITY... BIKE!?

.....!!

WHA!? OH, IT'S YOU! SORRY!

SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH THE INNATE TALENT FOR CYCLING, WHILE OTHERS AREN'T.

MY BROTHER ONCE SAID THAT,

BUT EXPERIENCE DOESN'T MATTER IN BICYCLE RACING.

PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT BASEBALL AND SOCCER HAVE USUALLY PLAYED SINCE THEY WERE KIDS.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PRACTICING A SPORT SINCE THEY WERE YOUNG, RIGHT?

WHOA!

OH, HERE THEY COME!

EVEN IN CYCLING, EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN STRENGTHS...

THEY'RE HERE.

OH, AND OF COURSE, THERE ARE SOME WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CYCLING!

SOCCER, AND SWIMMING!

THERE ARE SOME WHO PREVIOUSLY PLAYED HAND BALL,

THE ACE CYCLISTS OF OUR SCHOOL!

HE HEARD ME SINGING LOUDLY...!

WAA...!

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AND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO APPEAR NORMAL, BUT HAVE YET TO DISCOVER THEIR TALENT.

JUST WHAT IS THIS GUY?

AH, I PULLED A MUSCLE.

RIDE.2 DID YOU REALLY GO TO AKIBA?

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I MUSN'T REST YET...!

IT'S NOT ENOUGH!

I CAN'T WIN

AGAINST HIM LIKE THIS!

GOING TO WIN!

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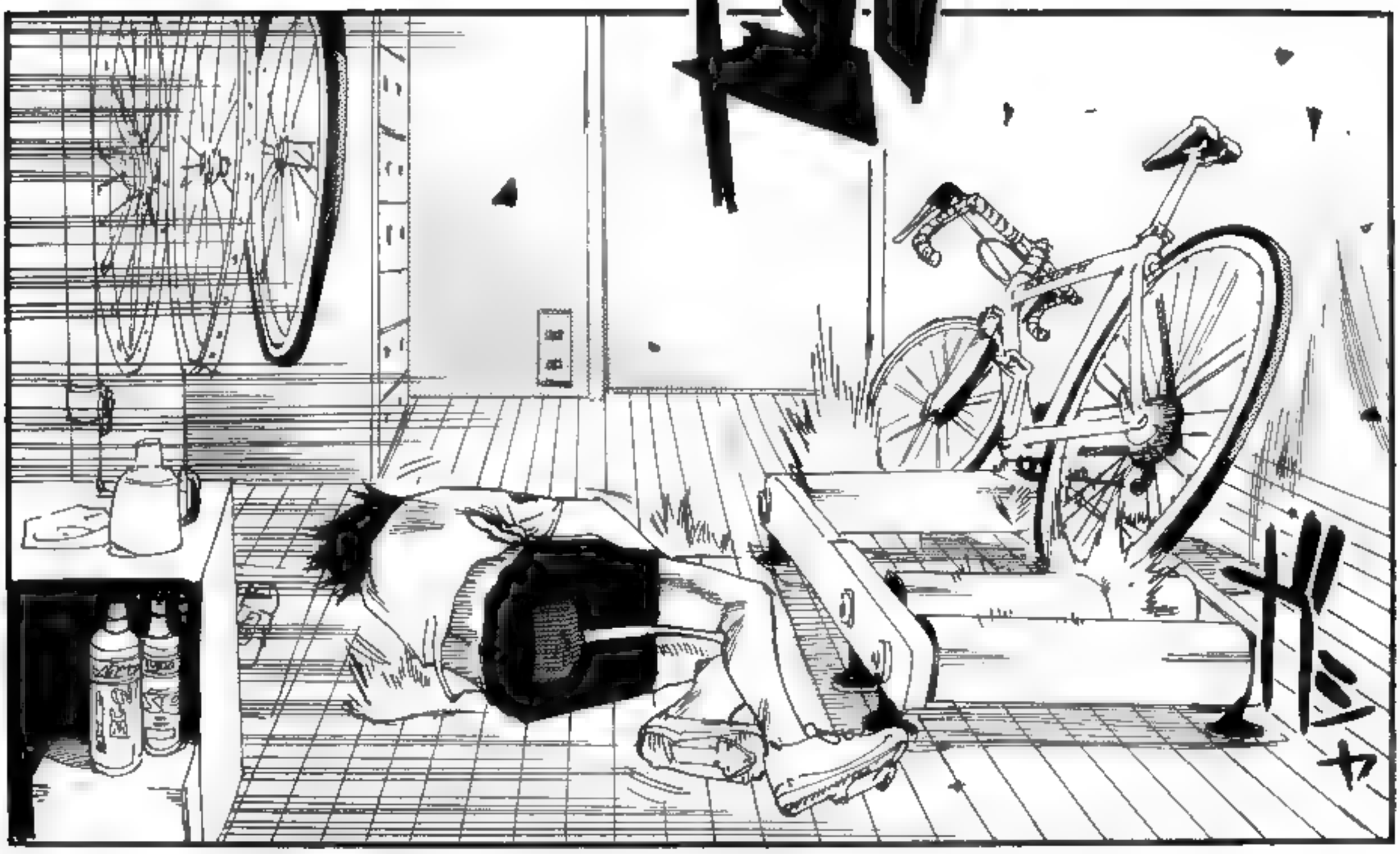
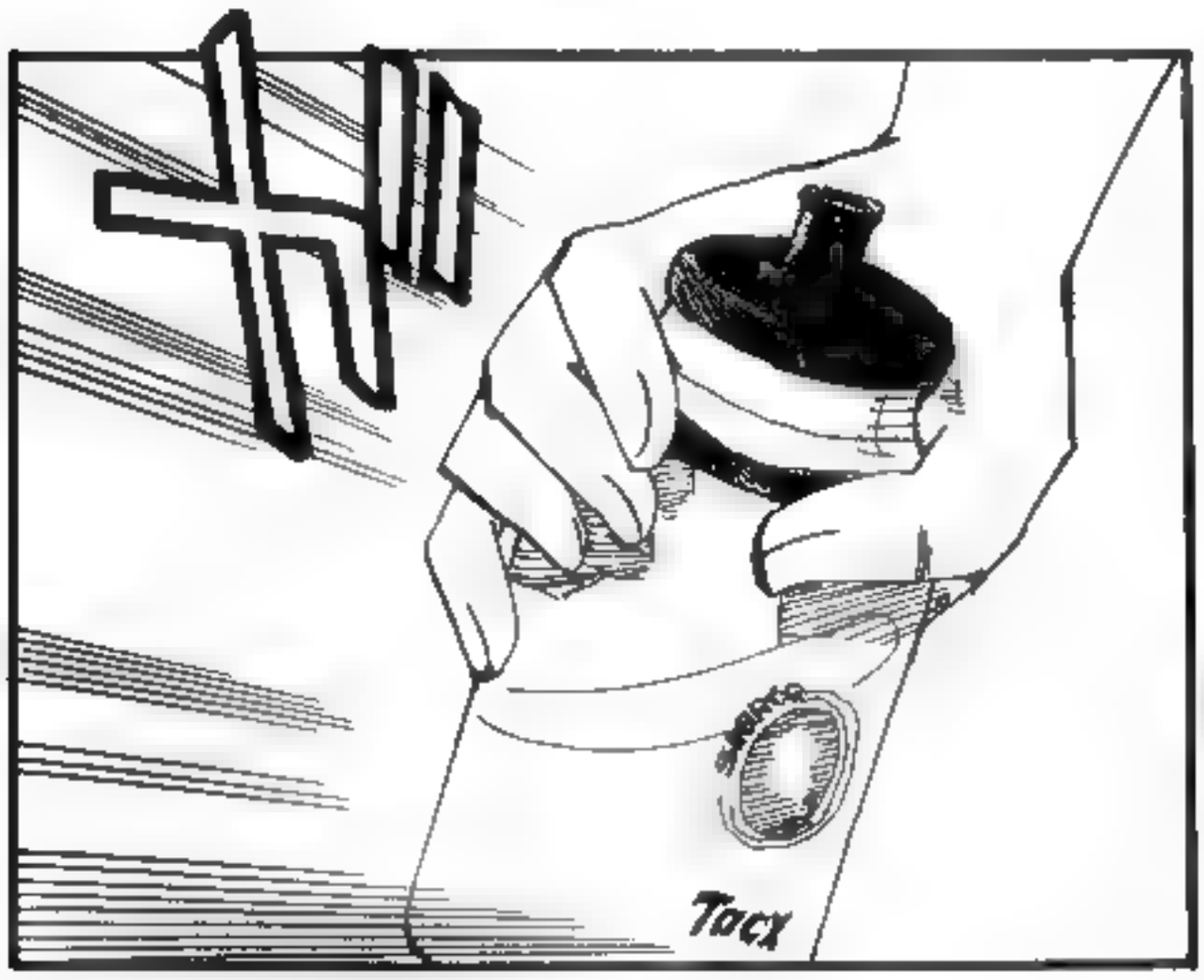
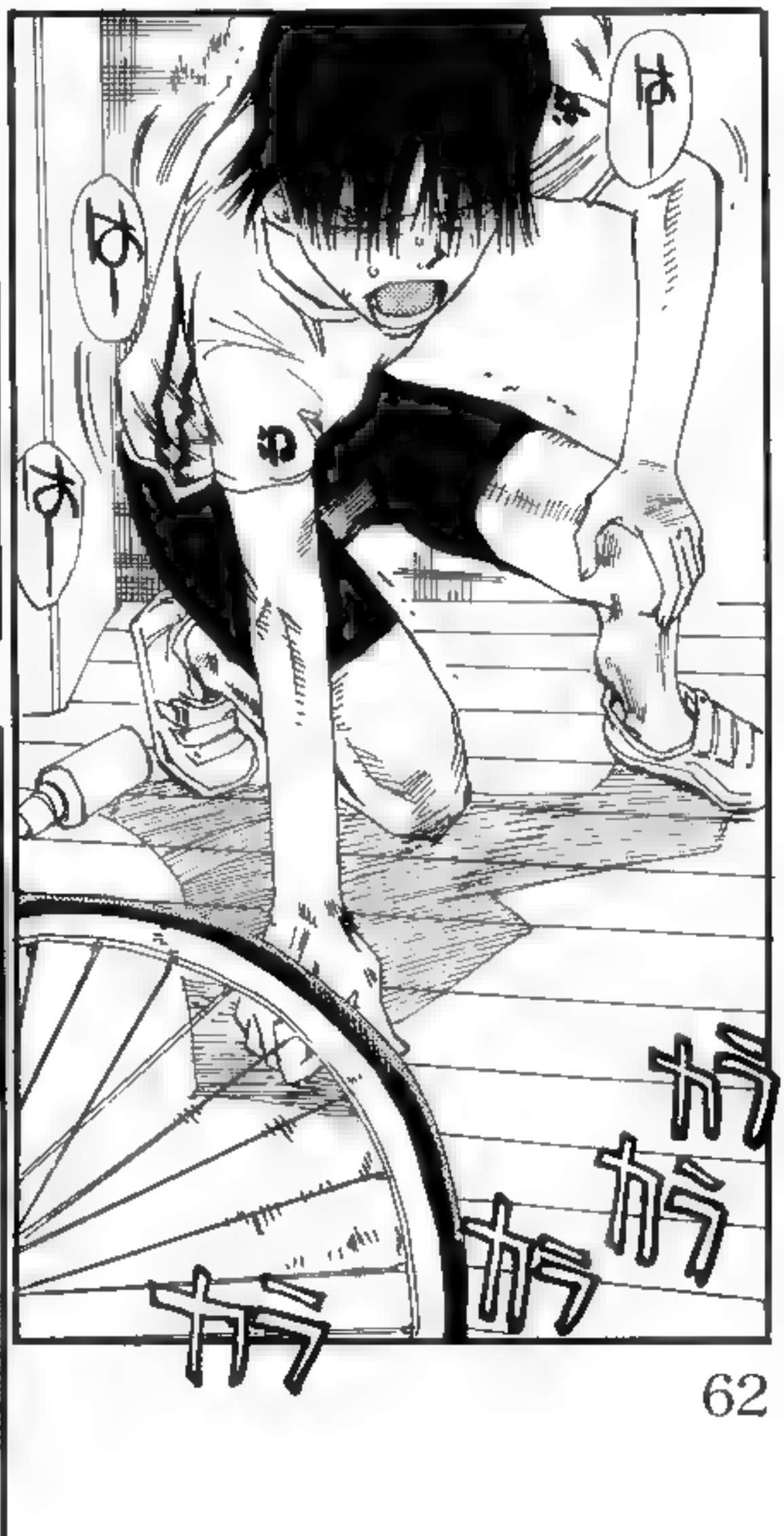
FOR SURE!







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60-SECOND SPRINTS, 20 SETS OF...

COMPLETE ...

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MIDOUSUJI ...

JUST YOU WAIT ...!

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WHO WAS THAT GUY FROM YESTERDAY ...?

COME TO THINK OF IT...

THE ONE WHO RODE AN UTILITY BIKE UPHILL...

BUT IN ANY CASE,

COULD IT BE A FLUKE ...?

I'M GOING TO GET RID OF EVERYTHING THAT STANDS IN MY WAY.

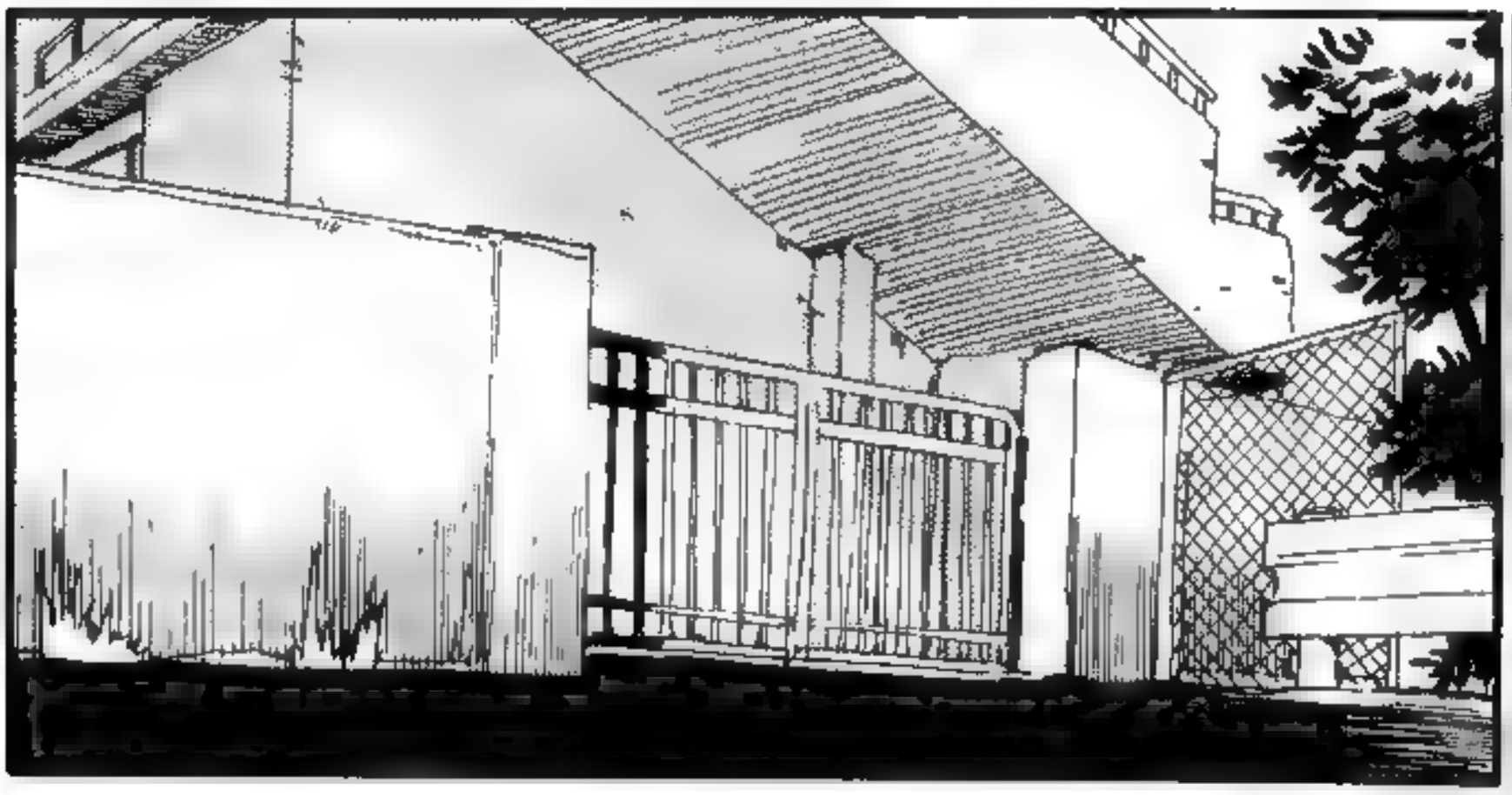
I WILL NOT LOSE TO ANYONE, UNTILL I GET TO RACE AGAINST MIDOUSUJI!

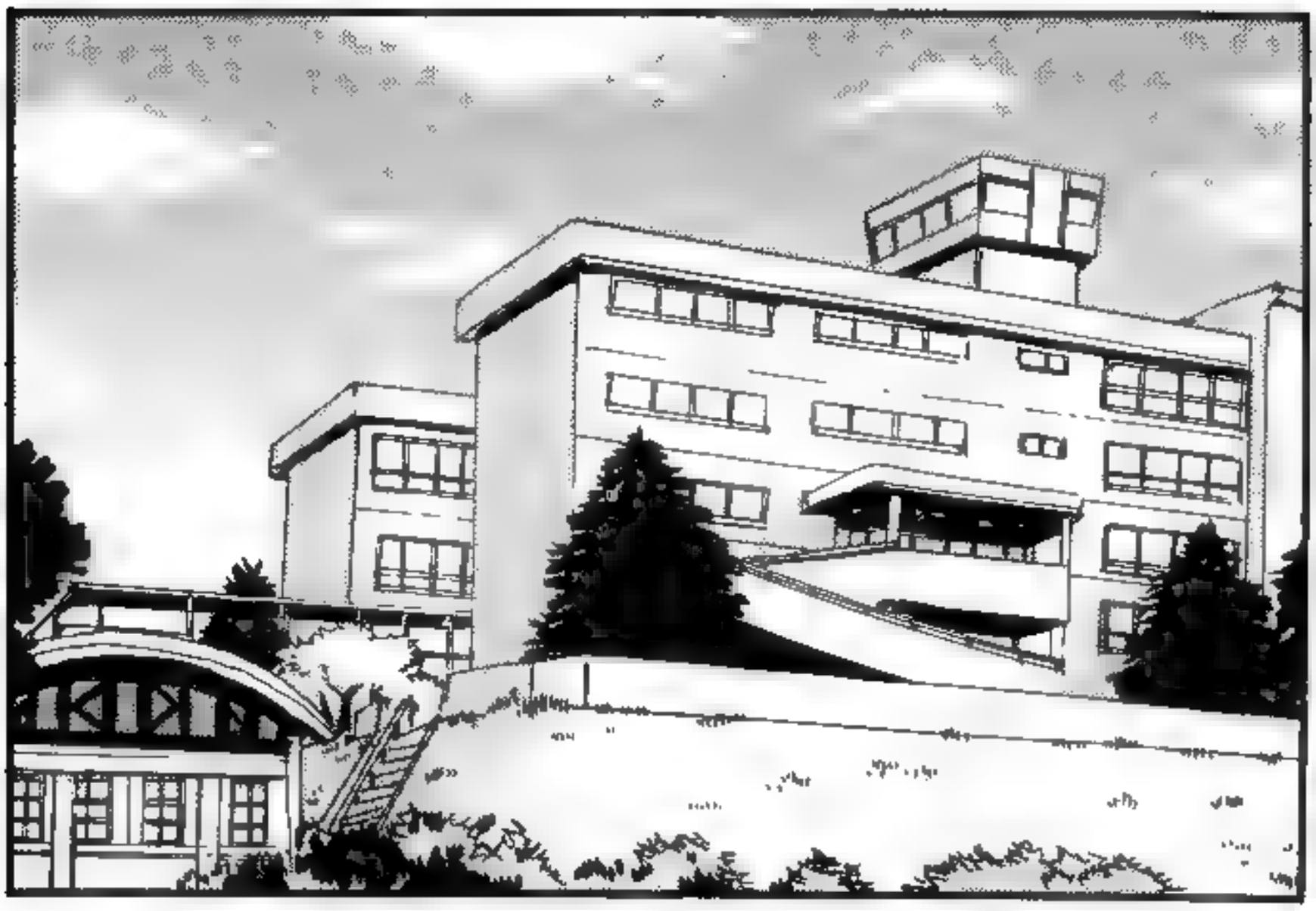
COMPLETE VICTORY!

I WILL BECOME,

THE FASTEST MAN IN THE WORLD!!

RIDE.2
DID YOU REALLY GO TO AKIBA?





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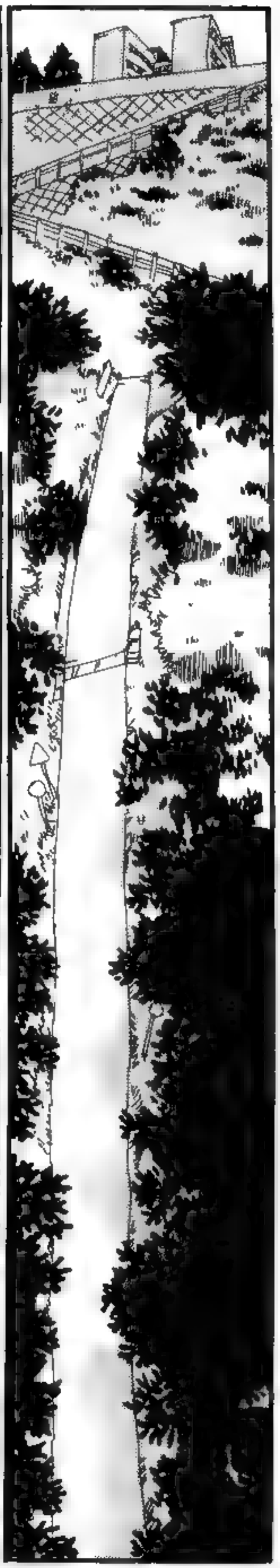

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I GOT PRICKED!

AH, THE FLYERS!

ARGH!

OW, OW, OW!

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I SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT THOSE PINS IN MY POCKET...

GOOD MORNING!

OH!

THAT WAS CLOSE! SHE ALMOST SAW ME PUT UP THAT POSTER...

I, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR HOME-ROOM ...

WAIT, ONODA-KUN!

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URK! SHE SAW EVERYTHING ...!!

G, GOOD MORNING...!

EHH!?

EH!? HOW DID SHE KNOW MY NAME...!?

WHAT!?

IS SHE A DETECTIVE OR SOME-THING!?

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WHEN I DESCRIBED YOUR LOOKS TO YOUR TEACHER, SHIMAMURA-SENSEI,

I FOUND OUT THAT YOU WERE ONODA SAKAMICHI, CLASS 4, AND THAT YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY FROM KUJUKURI WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL.

ACTUALLY, I FOLLOWED YOU YESTERDAY TILL YOU GOT ON YOUR BIKE, AND I SAW YOUR CLASS NUMBER ON THE REGISTRATION PLATE.

WHAT DOES SHE WANT FROM ME?

YESTER-DAY...?

WHO IS SHE?

ASK...? ME!?

WHO IS SHE, ANYWAY ...?

I'M KANZAKI MIKI, FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR. PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

SORRY, BUT I HAD SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU.

AH! IT'S THAT NICE GIRL WHO WAS GOING TO JOIN A SPORTS CLUB!

HE'S NOT GOOD AT REMEMBERING FACES.

I BET HE TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT YOU.

FUFU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENCOUR-AGEMENT...

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY.

U,

UM,

SHE'S THE SPORTS CLUB-TYPE I'M BAD WITH.

I CAN'T STAND THAT GIRL NEXT TO HER, THOUGH ...

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THAT'S CREEPY! DON'T BOW TO YOUR CLASSMATES!

HUH? OH, OKAY...

I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY.

I HEARD YOU SAY THAT WHEN YOU WERE LEAVING!

YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING BY BICYCLE, DIDN'T YOU?

SO, DID YOU REALLY GO TO AKIHABARA?!

IS SHE INTERESTED IN AKIBA...!? COULD SHE BE...?!

D, DID SHE JUST SAY AKIHABARA WITH A SMILE!?

KEEP YOUR FANTASIES TO YOURSELF.

DO YOU LIKE ANIME T-

SORRY, MIKI.

she's wiping her hands

I JUST CAN'T STAND OTAKU.

WHAT WERE YOU IMAGINING?

I WAS WRONG AGAIN...

AYA-CHAN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT HIM...

WHEN I GOT HOME, THE CHAIN WAS BROKEN...

UM, ACTUALLY, YESTERDAY,

MY BIKE GOT A LITTLE MESSED UP AFTER I FELL OVER ON THE SLOPE...

OH, YOU MEAN THE PART ABOUT THE BICYCLE?

WAA, SORRY!

MAN, JUST HOW ANNOYING CAN YOU GET?

OH, IT'S THE BELL.

GET TO THE POINT! DID YOU GO TO AKIBA!? BY BICYCLE!?

REALLY, YOU'RE USUALLY SO QUIET, MIKI...

HE SAID HIS CHAIN BROKE.

LET'S GO.

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BICYCLES, YOU'RE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!

it wasn't a compliment!

hehe!

AKIHABARA IS MORE THAN 40KM AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL, YOU KNOW?

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE DONE IT!

you bicycle otaku!

OTAKU ...?

OH.

GETTING THERE AND BACK WOULD MAKE IT 90KM!

THE CHAIN BROKE AFTER I CAME BACK FROM AKIBA.

CLASS IS STARTING! GET TO YOUR SEATS!

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HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE WHO WOULD LIE...

BUT...

THATS NOT PROOF THAT HE WOULDN'T!

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THAT GUY IS JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION, MIKI!

it's because you're cute!

HE'S BLUFFING!

THINK ABOUT IT. IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN HIM TWO HOURS AT TO GET THERE AT 20KM/H.

YOU'RE BEING TOO OPTIMISTIC.

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IF HE WASN'T, THEN HE'S PRETTY AMAZING!

YOU COULD WATCH 2 EPISODES OF FOG EXPRESS SUSPENSE IN 4 HOURS!

GETTING THERE AND BACK WOULD TAKE 4 HOURS!

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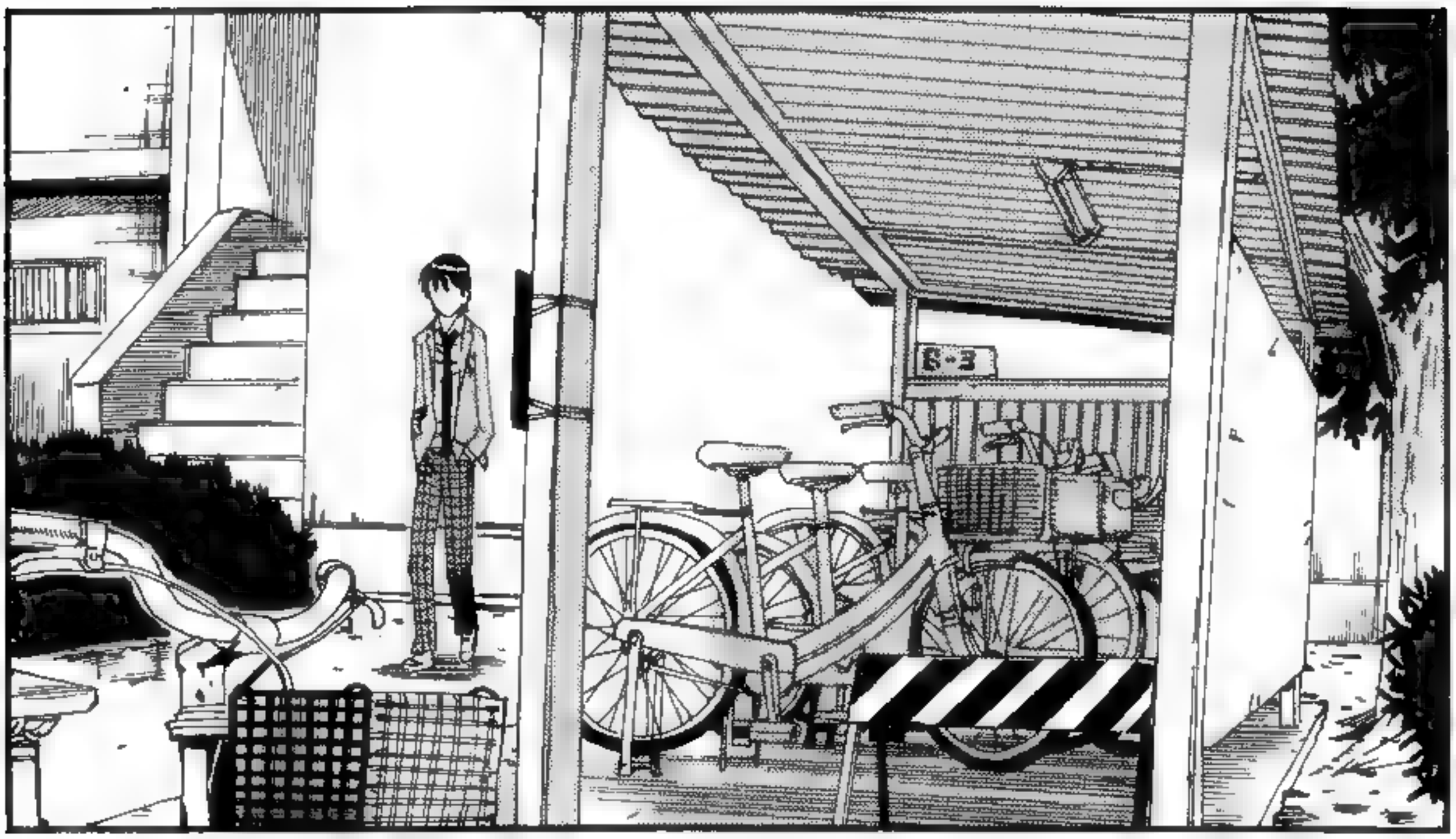
did you see ronaldo clinch that goal yesterday?

yeah!

I GOT MANYUMANYU FROM THE CAPSULE TOY MACHINE! LUCKY!

FROM THE TRAIN FARE I SAVED YESTERDAY,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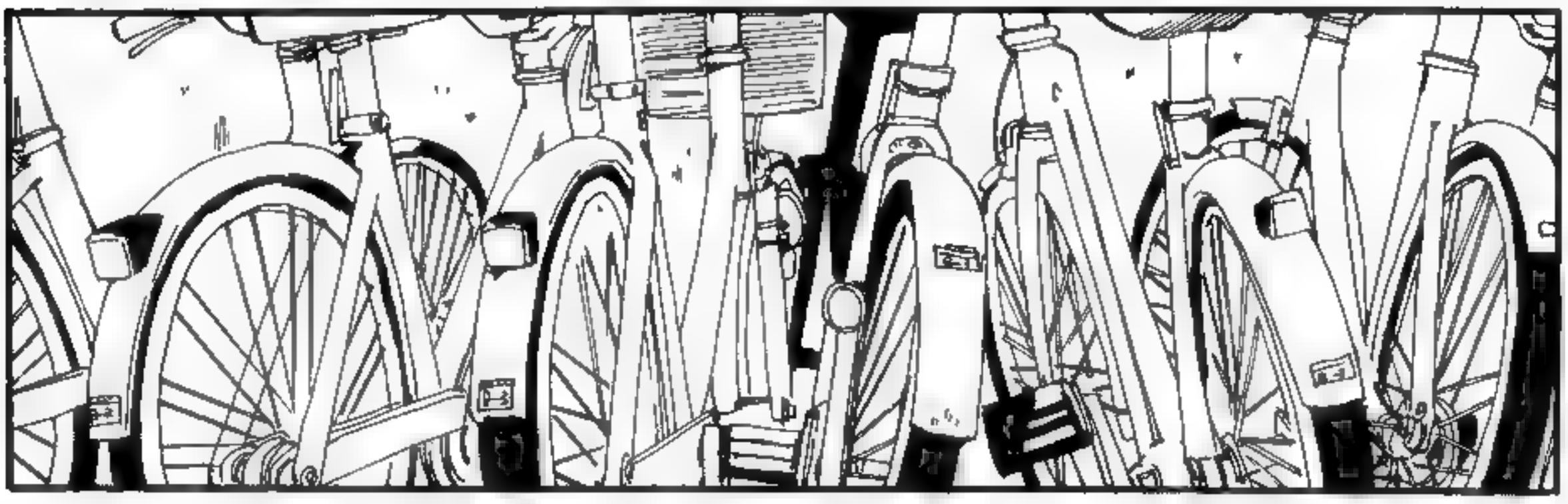

DID HE SEND IT FOR REPAIRS OR SOME-THING?
it had a weird mark on it
I DON'T SEE HIS BICYCLE...

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I HOPE I CAN ATTRACT MEMBERS WITH THIS...

ONE POSTER UP!

WHEW.

MAKE FRIENDS,

WE COULD MEET UP,

AND IF WE COULD GO TO AKIBA TOGETHER,

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I'LL NEED 5 MEMBERS TO REVIVE THE CLUB...

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部員募集中。

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I'D BE SO HAPPY!

ARE YOU A FIRST-YEAR?

Y, YES!

WHAT'RE YOU PUTTING UP ON THE BOARD, HUH?

AH.

THIS BOARD IS FOR SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS, KID.

WITH THE SPORTS TYPE...

UM, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK FOR PERMISSION FROM TAKEGAWA-SENSEI, SO ...

I'M REALLY NO GOOD WITH...

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS ...?

U, UM,

IT'S A PHYS. ED. TEACHER!

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YES...

SPEAK UP, KID!!

HYA!

WAHA HAHA!

OW,

OW,

URK!

NOTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION!

IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A MAN, THEN GET OUT THERE!

IT HURTS!

WHAT IS THIS!?

IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU'LL BE A MIDGET FOREVER!

YOU NEED MORE FIGHTING SPIRIT! YOU CAN'T JUST WAIT FOR FRIENDS TO COME TO YOU!

COME ON, FRESH-MAN!

I REALLY HATE THE SPORTS TYPE.

DO YOUR BEST TO GET 5 MEM-BERS!

WAHAHA, TAKE THIS AS A LESSON!
DON'T DEPEND ON FLYERS! GO ASK AROUND YOURSELF!

THEY'RE ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON THOSE WHO CAN'T DO/ SPORTS!

SORRY FOR HAVING NO FIGHTING SPIRIT.

MY VOICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS SMALL.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING A MIDGET?

I'M FINE WITH THE WAY I AM.

THEY ALWAYS THINK THAT THEY'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING!

INTIMIDATING OTHERS WITH THEIR STRENGTH AND RAISING THEIR VOICES,

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!!

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME, DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME..!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, GLASSES?

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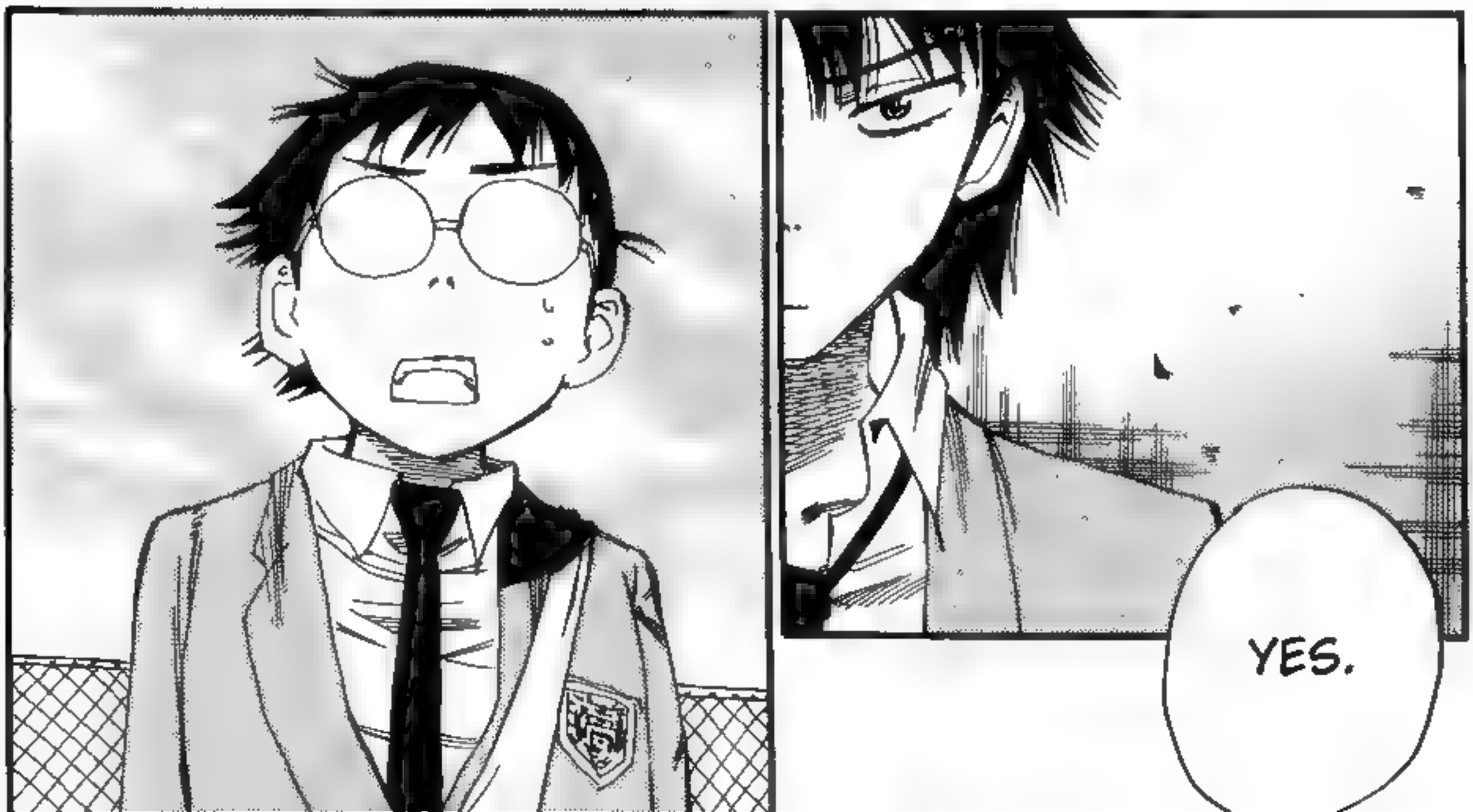
WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE.

RIDE.3 HOW ARE WE GOING TO SETTLE THIS?



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HOW ARE WE GOING TO SETTLE THIS?

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A BICYCLE ...?

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WHY ARE THERE SO MANY PEOPLE AGAINST ME?

DID I DO SOMETHING TO PISS HIM OFF...?

WHY WOULD HE COME LOOKING FOR ME?!

WHY ?

AND AN OLDER, STEEPER SLOPE,

THERE IS A WIDE AND GENTLE SLOPE LEADING UP TO THE MAIN GATE,

LIKE I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, THIS SCHOOL HAS TWO SLOPES AROUND IT.

WHILE SINGING.

WHICH YOU WERE RIDING UP YESTERDAY,

IT'S KNOWN AS THE BACK-GATE HILL.

AND I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE THE DAY.

I'LL GIVE YOU A HANDICAP,

I WANT YOU TO RACE AGAINST ME ON THAT SLOPE.

I THINK THAT IT WAS JUST A FLUKE.

HONESTLY,

UM, UH...

I WANT TO CONFIRM THAT.

BUT IT MAY HAVE JUST BEEN FOR THAT MOMENT.

IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE RIDING UPHILL EFFORT-LESSLY,

BUT,

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I'M PROBABLY WRONG,

SO YOU HEARD ME... SING?

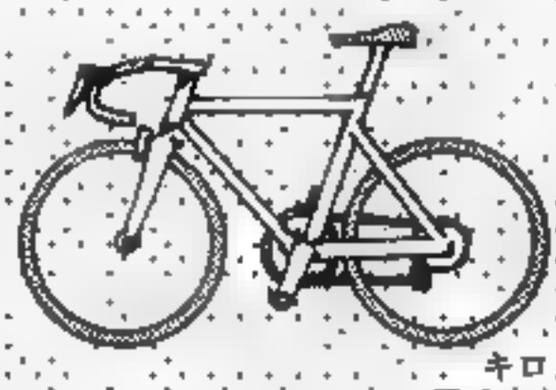
I HAVE TO GET RID OF EVERY OBSTACLE.

THAT'S NOT MY POINT!

AND STILL, HE MANAGED TO CLIMB UPHILL WITH THAT LOAD.

IT'S LIKE CYCLING WITH FIVE 2-LITRE BOTTLES FILLED WITH WATER.

COMPARED TO MY ROAD RACER, HIS UTITLY BIKE HAS A WEIGHT DIFFERENCE OF 10KG.



THE GREATEST FACTOR TO CLIMBING UPHILL IS WEIGHT.

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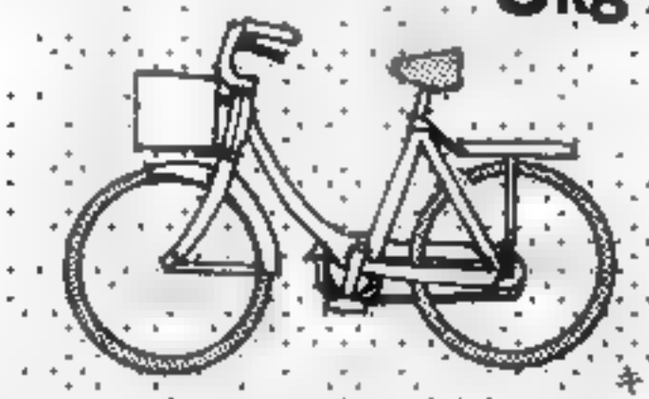

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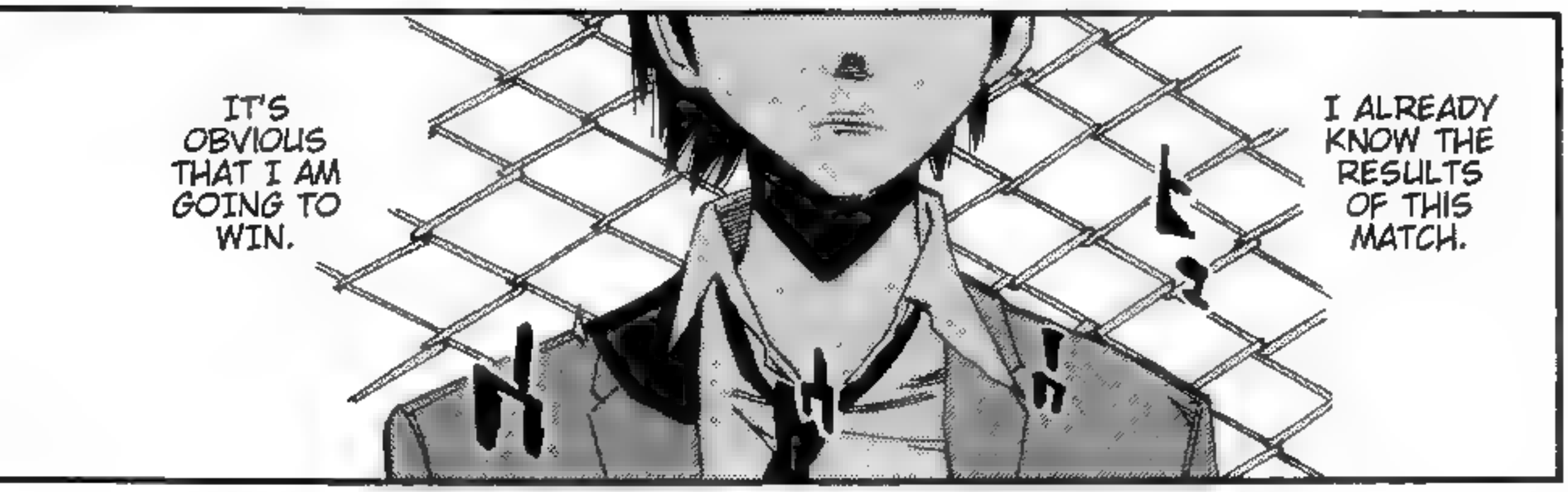
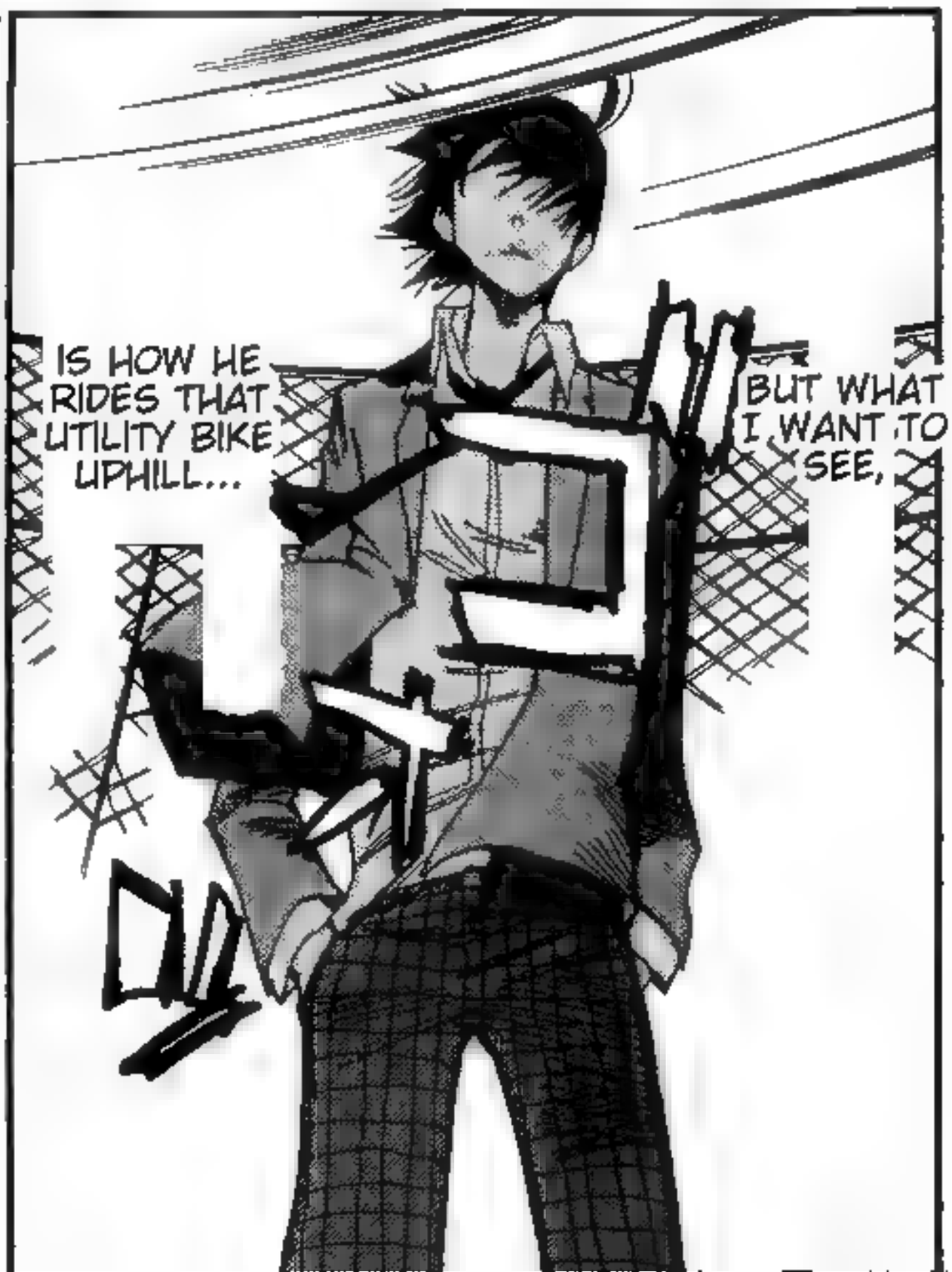
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I AM GOING TO WIN.

I ALREADY KNOW THE RESULTS OF THIS MATCH.



IS HOW HE RIDES THAT UTILITY BIKE UPHILL...

BUT WHAT I WANT TO SEE,



THAT PEDALLING OF HIS AGAIN.

I WANT TO SEE,

SO, WHEN ARE YOU FREE?

PHEW... I MUSN'T WASTE THESE FLYERS.

MY FIGURES... MY DVDS?

WAIT! COULD HE BE AFTER...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S THINKING.

BUT REALLY, WHY ME. ..?

WHAT DOES HE WANT?

YOUR BICYCLE WASN'T AT THE PARKING LOT TODAY,

A MATCH, HUH...

WAS IT DAMAGED FROM THE FALL?

WHEN WILL IT BE REPAIRED?

AFTER THE TRAKON LIMITED EDITION DVD BOXSET I BOUGHT YESTERDAY!?

YOU CAN'T BE...

SO, WHEN CAN WE RACE?

UH...

CALM DOWN!

THAT'S TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

FRANKLY, I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING IT AT ALL.
I'VE GOT TO GIVE OUT THESE FLYERS TOO...

UH...

I have lots of bicycles at home.

UM,

ACTUALLY, THE BIKE REPAIR SHOP TOLD ME THAT MY BICYCLE WAS BEYOND REPAIR...

I'LL LEND YOU ONE.

I NEED TO FIND FOUR MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

BUT...

I HAVE YET TO FIND EVEN ONE...

I'LL JOIN.

I HAVE TO LOOK FOR MEMBERS FOR THE ANIM-

UM, SORRY,

!

I HAVE TO!

BUT,

BUT, WILL HE GET MAD IF I REFUSE...?

!?

YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS, RIGHT?

IF I LOSE, I'LL JOIN THAT ANIME CLUB OF YOURS.

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU TOO, ANYWAY.

BESIDES, I HAVEN'T JOINED THE BICYCLE CLUB YET.

ARE YOU SERIOUS!?

I CAN'T REFUSE NOW!! I CAN GET ONE PERSON TO JOIN!

UM, BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ANIME?!

HUH?

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IT'S ONE STEP TOWARDS THE ANIME CLUB'S REVIVAL!!

UM,

DORAEMON.

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SEE YOU AT THE MATCH, THEN.

what was that...?

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AND THE VOICE ACTORS IN THE ANIME VERSION ARE ALL VETERANS NOW!

GEH!

AH! SORRY, I SHOULD ONLY DISCUSS THIS AFTER YOU'VE JOINED, RIGHT?

THAT'S A PRETTY DEEP CHOICE! F-SAN'S FUTURISTIC IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVE ARE IMPRESSIVE, AREN'T THEY?

ahaha!

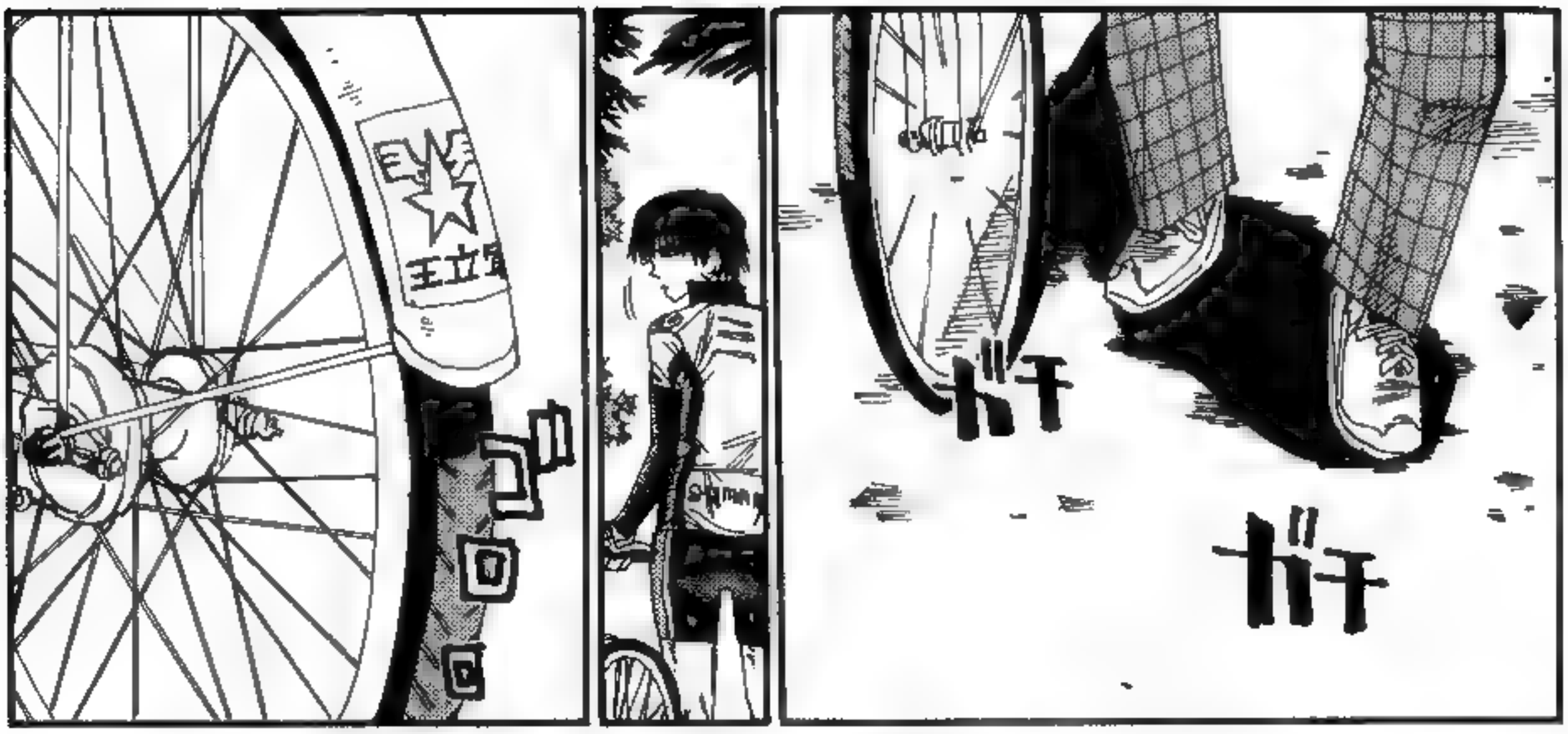
no way

AFTER I'VE JOINED ...? WAIT,

HE'S PLANNING TO WIN!?

AT THE MIYASHITA CROSSING.

FOUR DAYS LATER,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YOU'RE HERE.

START

GOAL

3km

2km

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AS I'VE EXPLAINED PREVIOUSLY, IT'S A SIMPLE COURSE. WE'LL START WITH THIS 3KM ROAD,

FOLLOWED BY THE BACK-GATE HILL, WHICH IS ANOTHER 2KM.

THE GOAL IS THE SCHOOL GATE, WHICH MAKES THIS COURSE APPROXIMATELY 5KM.

I'M AN EXPERIENCED ROAD RACER, SO I'LL START 15 MINUTES AFTER YOU.

THAT'S THE HANDICAP I'M GIVING.

UM,

ACTU-ALLY,

THERE'S SOME-THING,

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK.

HE'S AS COOL AS THE RUMORS SAY!

KYAA! GOOD LUCK, IMAIZUMI-KUN!!

IMAIZUMI-KUUUN!

IS IT?

IT'S START-ING!

WHAT ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE DOING HERE!?

TO BE HONEST,

I HAVE NO IDEA EITHER...

WHY ARE THEY ALL GATHERED HERE?

IT'S SO NOISY ...

RACES NEED AN AUDIENCE!

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BUT THEY WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT THE FANFARE!

ARE BOTH FAMOUS BICYCLE RACES,

THE TOUR DE FRANCE AND GIRO D'ITALIA,

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO KEEP IT A SECRET?!

I ONLY TOLD YOU BECAUSE YOU KEPT ASKING...!

OH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRYING TO GET ME TO DO THE OPPOSITE.

NO WAY!

WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING?

I WAS EXPECTING A NICE TURNOUT LIKE THIS, OF COURSE.

so you're imaizumi?

WHICH IS WHY I AM HERE TO CHEER YOU ON!

DID YOU DO THIS, KANZAKI?!

DON'T DO UNNECES-SARY THINGS.

SHALL I WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE GROUND WITH CHALK?

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MY HEAD HURTS ...

SHE'S A TOTAL BICYCLE OTAKU!

IT CAN BE SEEN FROM THE HELICOPTER ABOVE GROUND, WHICH MAKES IT COLORFUL AND FUN!

TOUR de FRANCE

TRIVIA!

AT MAJOR RACES, WRITING THE CYCLIST'S NAME ON THE ROAD IS A WAY OF SHOWING SUPPORT!

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IT'S NOT AN OFFICIAL RACE OR ANYTHING, SO STOP MAKING A FUSS OVER IT...

BUT WE'RE HERE TO CHEER YOU ON!

GO HOME!

KYA!

NO WAY!

HE TALKED TO US!

HE'S COMPLETELY NERVOUS!

THIS ISN'T GOOD!

THEY'RE LOOKING THIS WAY ... THEY'RE STARING!

AHAHA...

WHAT IS WITH THEM?

WHAT IS IT ...

HE'S RIDING A PLAIN UTILITY BIKE!

YUCK!

THAT SKINNY KID WITH GLASSES?

REALLY?

IS HIS OPPONENT THAT BOY?

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ONODA-KUN!

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DO YOUR BEST!

AH, IT'S THAT NICE GIRL ...

I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ... EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT ME...

EVEN IF YOU SAY SO ... JUST WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

SO, ONODA-KUN, IF YOU WIN,

YOU'LL BE SO COOL!

YEAH! EVEN IN THE LOOKS DEPART-MENT!

imaizumi-kun!

IMAIZUMI-KUN'S GONNA WIN FOR SURE

I, I KNOW THAT!

YOU'RE UP AGAINST A HANDSOME ROAD RACER!

COOL...

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EH!?

COOL... I CAN BE COOL...!

IF I WIN ...!

NO ONE HAS EVER SAID THAT TO ME...

AH,

Y, YES!

WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU RODE 45KM TO AKIHABARA,

ON A BICYCLE.

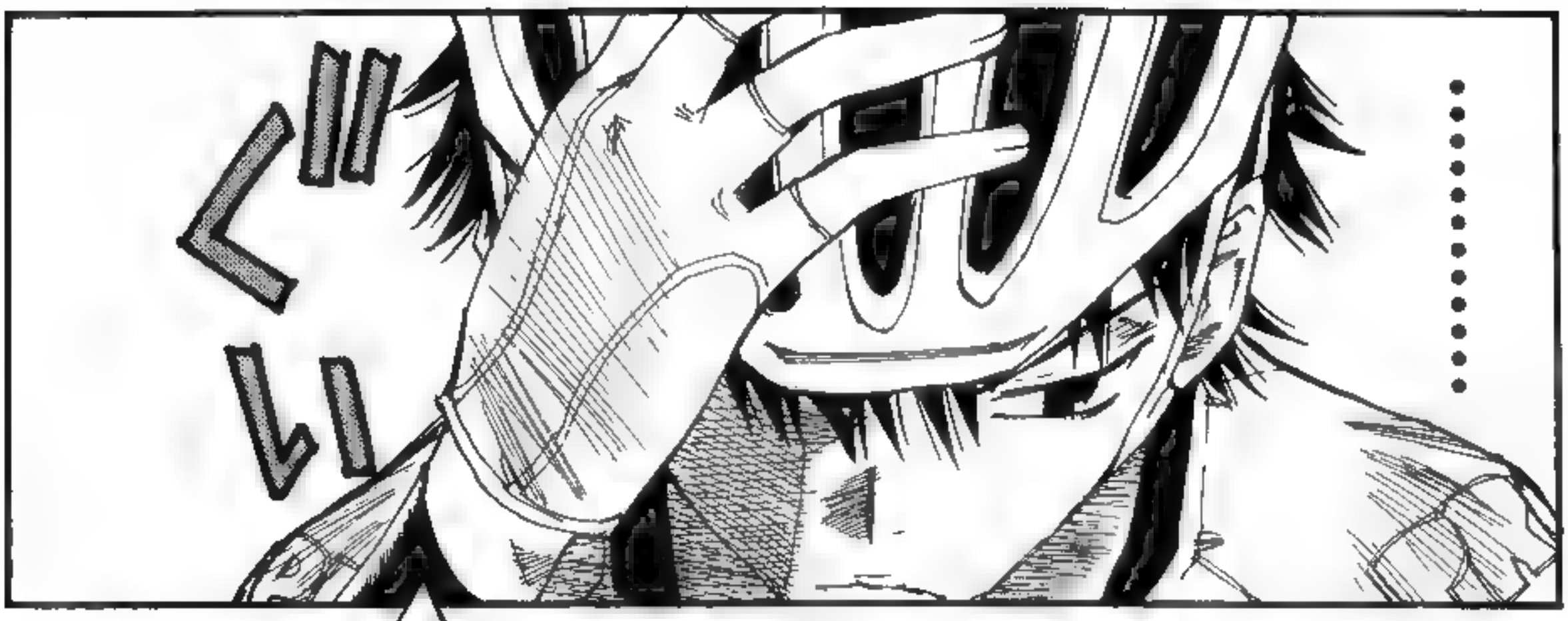
BACK THEN, YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH, WEREN'T YOU?

SINCE I WAS IN THIRD GRADE,

I'VE BEEN GOING EVERY WEEK!!

OUR SCHOOL IS CLOSER TO AKIBA THAN MY HOUSE IS,

SO I'M GLAD ABOUT THAT.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READY,
START!!

RIDE.4 FOR THE SAKE OF THE CLUB!

IF YOU CAN WIN AGAINST A ROAD RACER WITH A UTILITY BIKE,

YOU'LL LOOK COOL!

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I, I'M GOING TO DO THIS...!

I'M GOING TO WIN...!

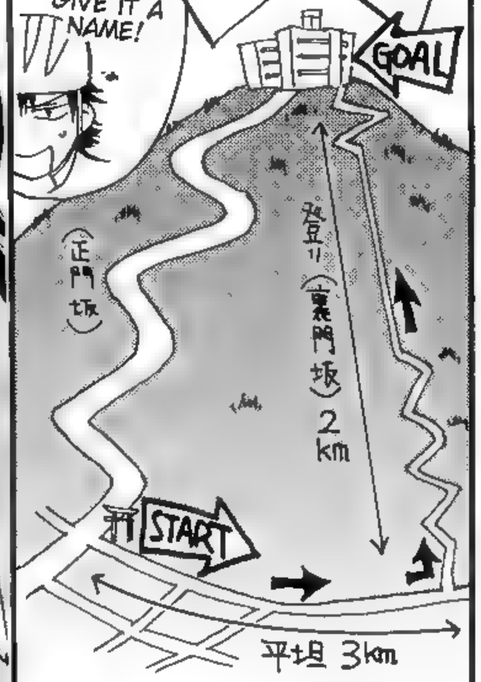
RIDE.4 FOR THE SAKE OF THE CLUB!

I'M GOING TO WIN, AND SECURE A MEMBER!

READY,

THE FIRST IMAIZUMI JUNSUKE VS. ONODA SAKAMICHI RACE, FROM MIYASHITA TO SOUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL VIA THE BACK-GATE SLOPE WILL NOW COMMENCE!

DON'T GIVE IT A NAME!



START!!

5 KM ROUTE

(SPECIAL RULES)

-NO TIME LIMIT

-15 MINUTE HANDICAP, IMAIZUMI STARTS 15 MINUTES AFTER ONODA

-THE FIRST PERSON TO PASS THROUGH THE BACK GATE WINS.

TO REVIVE THE ANIME CLUB...!

TO BUILD MY OASIS,

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休止しています

IF I CAN FIND FIVE MEMBERS, WE CAN REVIVE THE CLUB!

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE, RIGHT?

IF I LOSE, I'LL JOIN THAT ANIME CLUB.

I'LL JOIN.

HAVE TO LOOK FOR MEMBERS FOR THE ANIM-

WE CAN TALK ABOUT OUR FAVOURITE MANGA AND ANIME, AND GO TO AKIBA AFTER SCHOOL!!

I COULD TALK ABOUT RINKO...

AND DISCUSS LOVE★HIME...!

DID YOU WATCH TRAKON YESTERDAY?

AND I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE FRIENDS!

I HEARD THAT SCENE WAS ANIMATED BY MACHIDA HIDEK

I KNEW IT!

IF WE REVIVE THE CLUB, THEN MORE PEOPLE WILL JOIN.

THAT IS MY IDEAL HIGH-SCHOOL LIFE!!

HE'S GOT A GOOD START!

ISN'T THAT JUST NORMAL?

AH, THAT GLASSES KID STARTED FIRST!

HEY!

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CALM DOWN!!

HE MESSED UP ALREADY ...

YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH FORCE!

HEHE.

HE'S FAST WHEN RUNNING AWAY...?

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WEREN'T YOU LISTENING!? I SAID I'LL GIVE HIM A HANDICAP!

I'LL ONLY START 15 MINUTES AFTER HE DOES!

HE'S GETTING OUT OF SIGHT!

EH!? IMAIZUMI-KUN, WHAT'S WRONG? AREN'T YOU GOING TO START?

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ONE MEMBER!
ONE STEP TOWARDS
MY DREAM!!

I HAVE TO DO
MY BEST...!

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HE'S FAST!

WHAT WAS THAT?

NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

AM I REALLY ...?

BUT THIS FEELING...

I THINK I HEARD HER SAY THAT ...!

!? I'M... FAST?

THE LAST TIME I PEDALLED THIS HARD WAS LAST WINTER, WHEN I WAS RUSHING AT FULL SPEED TO GET THE AKIBA-ONLY LIMITED EDITION SHOGUN TIME BOX SET...!

THAT WAS THE FASTEST I'VE BEEN TO AKIBA, EVER...

SHOGUN TIME

27 km !!

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WHOA!

I'M MOVING AT 27KM/H...

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WE'RE AT EQUAL SPEED...!

I'M CYCLING AT A SPEED EQUAL WITH THE SCOOTER!

I MIGHT BE GOING FASTER THAN I THOUGHT...!!

.....!!

IT'S GOING UP! 28... 29!

BUT PERHAPS I CAN GO REALLY FAST, IF I USE ALL MY STRENGTH!

I'VE NEVER PAID ATTENTION TO MY SURROUNDINGS, NOR THE SPEED I WAS RIDING AT,

IT'S A BIT LIKE THE COCKPIT OF A MOBILE SUIT!

LOTS OF NUM-BERS!

THANK YOU, IMAIZUMI-KUN!

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR SPEED WITH IT.

I'll lend you one; it's useful.

THIS IS A CYCLE COM-PUTER.

ah, thanks.

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THE TIME...

I'LL START 15 MINUTES AFTER YOU DO, SO YOU SHOULD CHECK THE TIME ON THE DISPLAY.

THIS THING DISPLAYS THE SPEED AND TIME...

I'LL REACH THE SLOPE.

AFTER I CROSS THAT BRIDGE,

....EH?

HAS HE STARTED ALREADY?

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

TEN MINUTES !?

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I'M ALREADY DONE WITH THE ROAD...

EH!?

I'VE ONLY BEEN PEDALLING FOR TEN MINUTES...

Tm

km/h

0:10'45

IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN MINUTES!?

千葉県立総北高等学校

THE LAST 2KM...

IT'S THE HILL FROM HERE ON...

I'M DONE WITH 3KM OF THE 5KM ROUTE,

AND IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN MINUTES...!

IMAIZUMI-KUN IS STILL AT THE STARTING POINT...!!

IMAIZUMI-KUN MADE AN ESTIMATION MISTAKE...

I WAS PROBABLY FASTER THAN HE EXPECTED ME TO BE...

HE PROBABLY ...

MAYBE I SHOULD WAIT FOR HIM HERE...

I MUST CONTINUE! I HAVE A GOAL!

I MUSN'T BE WORRIED FOR MY OPPONENT!

NO!

1-4

THE FATE OF THE ANIME CLUB DEPENDS ON ME...!

I'M SORRY, IMAIZUMI-KUN...

IF I WIN, I'LL HAVE ONE MEMBER!

REACH THE GOAL BEFORE YOU!!

BUT I'LL HAVE TO...

A LITTLE TOO LONG?

HEY, ISN'T THIS...

THAT GLASSES BOY MIGHT HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE HILL...

15 MINUTES IS TOO MUCH OF A HANDICAP!

COME ON, IMAIZUMI-KUN, YOU SHOULD START ALREADY.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN...

EH!? THAT'S NOT GOOD!

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "YOU'RE RIGHT" !?

.....

YOU'RE RIGHT.

THAT 3KM AT THE START WAS JUST,

TO WARM HIM UP FOR SOME SERIOUS CLIMBING.

IT'S BEEN EXACTLY 15 MINUTES.

I'LL CATCH UP SOON ENOUGH.

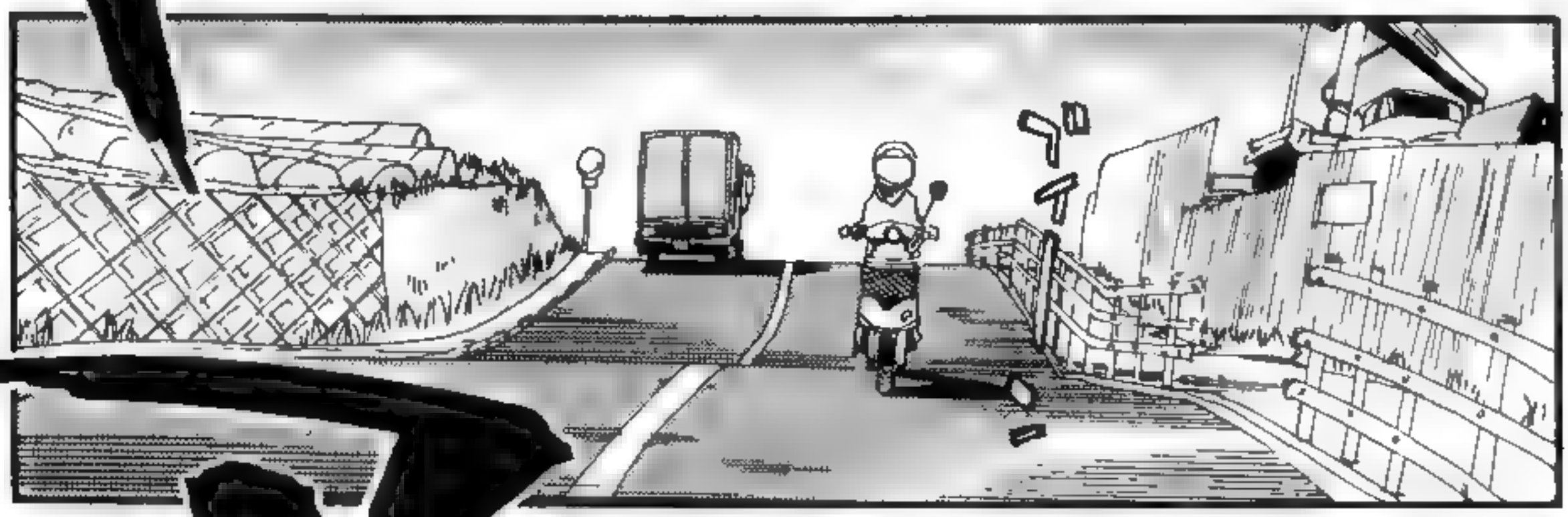
DON'T WORRY.

a motorbike? wait. it's a bicycle!

what was that!?

RIDE.5 (ライド)

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN CATCH UP!



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DON'T WORRY, GLASSES!
Tm
Km/h

I'LL CATCH UP SOON ENOUGH.

RIDE.5 ライド

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN CATCH UP!

I MUST REACH THE GOAL BEFORE YOU!

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SORRY, IMAIZUMI-KUN, I...

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BUT NOW I KNOW...

GOING UPHILL IS HARDER...!

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I'VE NEVER LOOKED AT A METER WHILE CYCLING BEFORE,

I CAN'T ACCELERATE LIKE I DID ON THE ROAD...!

I'M TAKING LONGER THAN I EXPECTED...

IMAIZUMI-KUN HAS ONLY JUST STARTED.

I'LL BE FINE!

START!

GOAL

I'VE ALREADY COMPLETED TWO THIRDS OF THE ROUTE.

BUT...

EEEEK!

WHOA!

OOPS,

I MUSN'T PANIC ...!

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THAT WAS FRIGHTEN-ING!

AH! I FORGOT TO SET THE RECORDER!

IF I DO...

I GOT THE WRONG CHANNEL!

IF I PANIC, NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF IT!

PLAYBACK

and now, for the headline news

THE FIRST EPISODE OF TAKARA AYUMI'S NEW PSYCHO-HORROR SERIES!

I HEARD THAT IT GOT RAVE REVIEWS FOR ITS HIGH PRODUCTION QUALITY...

THAT WAS CLOSE! I ALMOST FORGOT THAT IT STARTS EARLY TODAY.

THIS SEASON'S MOST ANTICIPATED,

PHEW, I MADE IT!

I'LL DEFINITELY REACH THE GOAL FIRST!

I NEED TO STAY CALM...

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CALM DOWN ... IT WAS PROBABLY JUST THE WIND...

I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING SQUEAKING JUST NOW...

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TEN MINUTES SINCE HE STARTED...

8 Km/h

0:23'50

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD CATCH UP!

THERE'S NO WAY,

HASN'T EVEN BEEN ... IT

NO WAY...

OH, YOU'VE GOT FURTHER THAN I EXPECTED.

IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN 10 MINUTES!

1-4
小野田

IMAIZUMI-KUN!

UWAAAAA!?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE'RE OVER THE PASSENGER LIMIT!

KYAA! WAIT FOR US, IMAIZUMI-KUN!

COULD YOU PLEASE GO A LITTLE FASTER?

ARE WE THERE YET?

MR. DRIVER...

..

!

IT'S AN IMPOR-TANT RAC-

MIKI... YOU'RE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON WHEN IT COMES TO BICYCLES.

HURRY UP, OR WE'LL MISS THE BEST PARTS OF THE RACE!

WHAT'S WRONG, MIKI?

MR. DRIVER, PLEASE STOP THE CAR AT THE NEXT CURVE!

IT'S ONODA-KUN...

ONODA-KUN HAS STOPPED ...!

EVERY-ONE...

AH ...

I'M SORRY,

HE OVER-TOOK ME.

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

AH, I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

I KNEW IT...

IN JUST A SINGLE MOMENT...

SUCH YOUTH!

THAT WAS PRETTY ANTICLIMATIC, WASN'T IT?

HE'S AN EXPERI-ENCED RACER.

WELL, THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.

EVEN IF YOU TRY YOUR BEST, IT'S USELESS!

!!

GET OFF THAT BIKE, HURRY!

GET OFF.

I'M SORRY, I TRIED MY BEST, BUT...

OR YOU WON'T CATCH UP!

YOU HAVE TO HURRY...

I GUESS ...

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EH?

THE HEIGHT OF THE SADDLE HAS TO BE ADJUSTED BECAUSE,

MIKI!? WHAT ARE YOU RAISING THE SEAT FOR!?

I NOTICED IT FROM THE START! ONODA-KUN, YOUR SITTING POSITION...

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN IDEAL POSITION!

...I CAN'T DO IT, AFTER ALL.

THAT'S YOUR IDEAL PEDALLING POSITION!

ALRIGHT!

MY FEET AREN'T TOUCHING THE GROUND!

...EH?

THERE'S AN IDEAL POSITION FOR THE SADDLE?

!!

THIS IS...

WHEN DID YOU LAST ADJUST THE HEIGHT OF YOUR SADDLE?

WHEN I FIRST RECEIVED THIS BICYCLE... WHEN I WAS IN GRADE 4!

THIS TIME, TRY GOING AT FULL STRENGTH!

IT'S NOT OVER YET.

THE IDEAL SADDLE POSITION...!!

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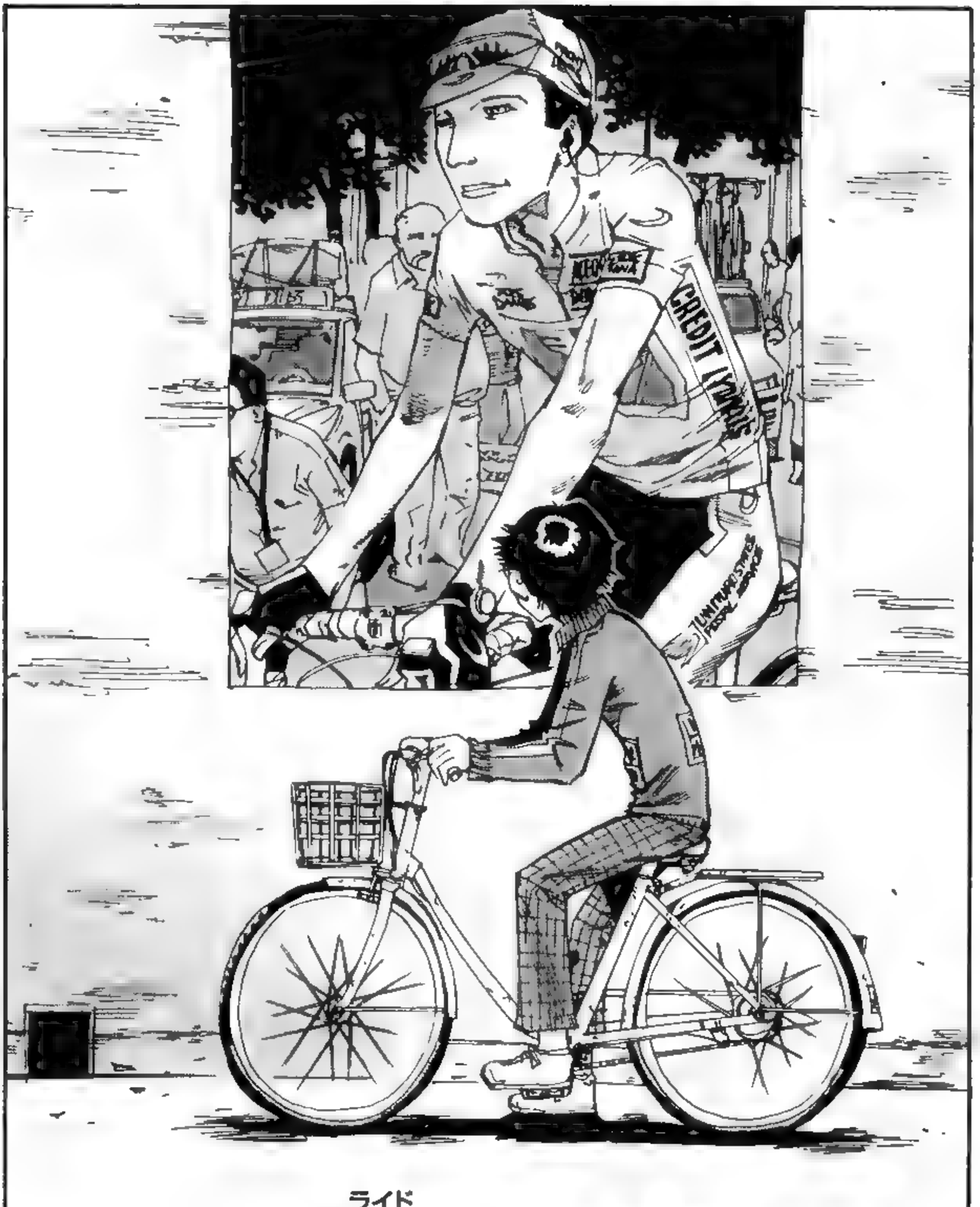
SO THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE PEDALS.

WHEN YOU SIT DOWN, AND STRETCH OUT YOUR FEET,



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RIDE.6 CADENCE

WHAAA!

IS THAT REALLY THE IDEAL HEIGHT?

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I CAN'T GET USED TO THIS HEIGHT...!!

WHOAAA!

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ON THE PEDALS /...

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Y, YES!

DON'T THINK ABOUT THE HEIGHT!

FOCUS ON PEDALLING!

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WAAA!

EH?

I DIDN'T EVEN USE THAT MUCH FORCE..!!

DID I JUST COVER THAT DISTANCE IN A SECOND?

EH?

!?

WHAT?

IT JUST MEANS THAT HIS ENERGY IS GOING TO THE PEDALS EFFICIENTLY!

WHAT WAS THAT SUDDEN SPURT...?

HE PROBABLY HAD THAT STRENGTH ALL ALONG.

YES.

THEN, THAT MEANS THAT HE WAS ...

IT IS SAID THAT THE ENERGY LOSS CAUSED BY THE WRONG SADDLE HEIGHT CAN BE AS MUCH AS 60%.

60 PERCENT!

WHAT?

I NEVER KNEW THAT THE SADDLE COULD MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE...

WITHOUT STRAINING MY KNEES ...

AND I CAN MOVE MY FEET FREELY.

IT'S SO LIGHT...!

JUST GOT LIGHTER!

IT'S LIKE THE LOAD I WAS CARRYING...

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...

BICYCLES ARE AMAZING!!

AMAZING...

I'VE GOT TO GO.

SHE DID TELL ME,

I'M GOING TO CATCH UP!

THAT THE RACE ISN'T OVER YET!!

IT'LL BE FINE!

BUT ARE YOU SURE HE CAN CATCH UP? IMAIZUMI-KUN IS RIDING A ROAD-SOMETHING BIKE, ISN'T HE?

you mean a road racer?

PEDA..? A STYLE? CAN HE PEDAL STANDING UP OR SOME-THING?

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I'M SURE IMAIZUMI-KUN WANTS TO OBSERVE ONODA-KUN'S INTERESTING PEDALLING STYLE.

HMM ...

EVEN I CAN PEDAL STANDING UP...! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?!

I THINK ONODA-KUN'S THE TYPE THAT CAN'T PEDAL STANDING UP.

HOW IS HE EVER GOING TO CATCH UP?

HUH!?

COME ON,

HURRY UP,

AND CATCH UP TO ME!

SHIMANO

THE SECRET TO HIS PEDALLING...

HIS SECRET ...

I SAW IT WHEN I OVERTOOK HIM JUST NOW.

THE RATE OF REVOLUTIONS HE WAS PEDALLING AT!

IS THE CADENCE!

IS NOT USING WEIGHT TO PUSH FORWARD,

NOR IS IT PEDALLING WHILE STANDING UP.

BY PEDALLING, AND USING THAT FORCE TO MOVE FORWARD

IT'S A HIGH-CADENCE CLIMB!

HE PROGRESSED FROM BEING A DOMESTIQUE TO A LEADER USING HIS EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO PEDAL AT 130 RPM.

LIKE LANCE ARMSTRONG, THE MAN WHO WON THE TOUR DE FRANCE SEVEN TIMES IN SUCCESSION,

BUT HE'S A PRO RACER,

AND THAT IS THE RESULT OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE.

AND LET ME SEE...

HOW FAR YOU CAN CLIMB.

HURRY UP AND COME!

HE'S A COMPLETE AMATEUR, WITH NO SKILLS NOR PRACTICE!

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IT'S NOT TIRING!

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THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...!

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IMAIZUMI-KUN!!

AT THIS RATE, I CAN CATCH UP ... I CAN WIN!

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IMAIZUMI-KUN!

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, AMATEUR!

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YOUR PEDALLING IS SMOOTHER NOW.

I SEE YOU'VE FIXED YOUR SADDLE.

I GUESS HE DOESN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ANSWER...

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UPHILL, THAT IS REDUCED TO 30 TO 40 RPM.

THE NORMAL CADENCE FOR AN UTILITY BICYCLE IS ABOUT 60 TO 70 RPM.

IT'S AMAZING THAT HE CAN KEEP UP.

THAT CAN'T BE HELPED. HE'S PEDALLING AT HIGH CADENCE.

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BUT THAT MIGHT BE HIS LIMIT...

BUT RIGHT NOW, HE'S CLIMBING UPHILL AT 70.

FOR AN AMATEUR,

.....

HE MUST BE LOOKING DOWNWARDS WITH AN EXPRESSION OF PAIN...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD.

YOU'VE EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS.

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HOW DID HE CATCH UP...?

WHAT?

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MOVING FORWARD BY JUST PEDALLING,

IS REALLY FUN! ISN'T IT, IMAIZUMI-KUN!!

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RIDE.7

YOU WENT TO AKIBA ON THAT BIKE...?

YOWAMUSHI PEDAL 1

WHY... HOW IS HE CATCHING UP...?!

JUST HOW?!

WAS GLASSES ALWAYS THAT FAST?!

THAT KID IN THE JERSEY IS AMAZING!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS??

IMAIZUMI-KUN CAN'T...

IT CAN'T BE! HE CAUGHT UP TO IMAIZUMI-KUN!!

KYAAAA!

...OH.

IMAIZUMI-KUN WAS PROBABLY WAITING FOR HIM TO CATCH UP.

.....

BUT...

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RIGHT NOW, HE'S RACING TO WIN!!

HE'S DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL...

HE'S CATCHING UP TO ME WITH THAT CADENCE?

...IS THIS A JOKE?

HE CAN'T RIDE FOR LONG DISTANCES!

EITHER THE SHOP, OR HIS PARENTS MADE IT SO THAT...

THE FRONT GEAR ON HIS BIKE IS SMALL...

YOU MEAN, ON GLASSES'S BICYCLE!?

A LIMITER!?

NORMALLY, A SMALL FRONT GEAR GREATLY LIMITS YOUR SPEED.

...IT'S THE REVERSE.

IS THAT WHY HE'S GOING SO FAST?

LOOK AT THE CADENCE HE'S PEDALLING AT... IT'S ABNORMAL.

!?

IT FORCES YOU TO PEDAL WITH MORE EFFORT TO TRAVEL THE SAME DISTANCE.

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AND HIS CADENCE WILL FALL...

HE'S PROBABLY EXHAUSTED BY NOW,

...RIGHT?

YEAH... I WOULDN'T LIKE THAT.

ISN'T IT TIRING IF YOU PEDALLED A LOT, YET TRAVELLED ONLY A SMALL DISTANCE?

WHICH IS WHY MOST PEOPLE WOULD USE THE TRAIN INSTEAD.

WHO WOULD?

WHY WOULD ANYONE LIMIT THEIR SPEED LIKE THAT?

WAIT, I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

IT'S PROBABLY HIS PARENTS.

EH!?

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IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY, HIS MOTHER OR FATHER PROBABLY...

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WAIT.

HE SAID THAT HE RECEIVED THE BICYCLE WHEN HE WAS IN FOURTH GRADE...

NOD

USING THAT BIKE AS IT WAS SINCE THEN...

COULD HE HAVE BEEN...

Books

ON THAT 90KM ROUND-TRIP...!!

AND GONE TO AKIHABARA EVERY WEEK...?

DAMN...

BUT THAT LIMITER HAS IT'S ADVANTAGES.

AND MAKES CLIMBING UPHILL EASIER.

IF HE GOES FAST, IT REDUCES THE WEIGHT STRAIN,

IT MEANS THAT THE WEIGHT WON'T HOLD HIM BACK!

KYAAA !!

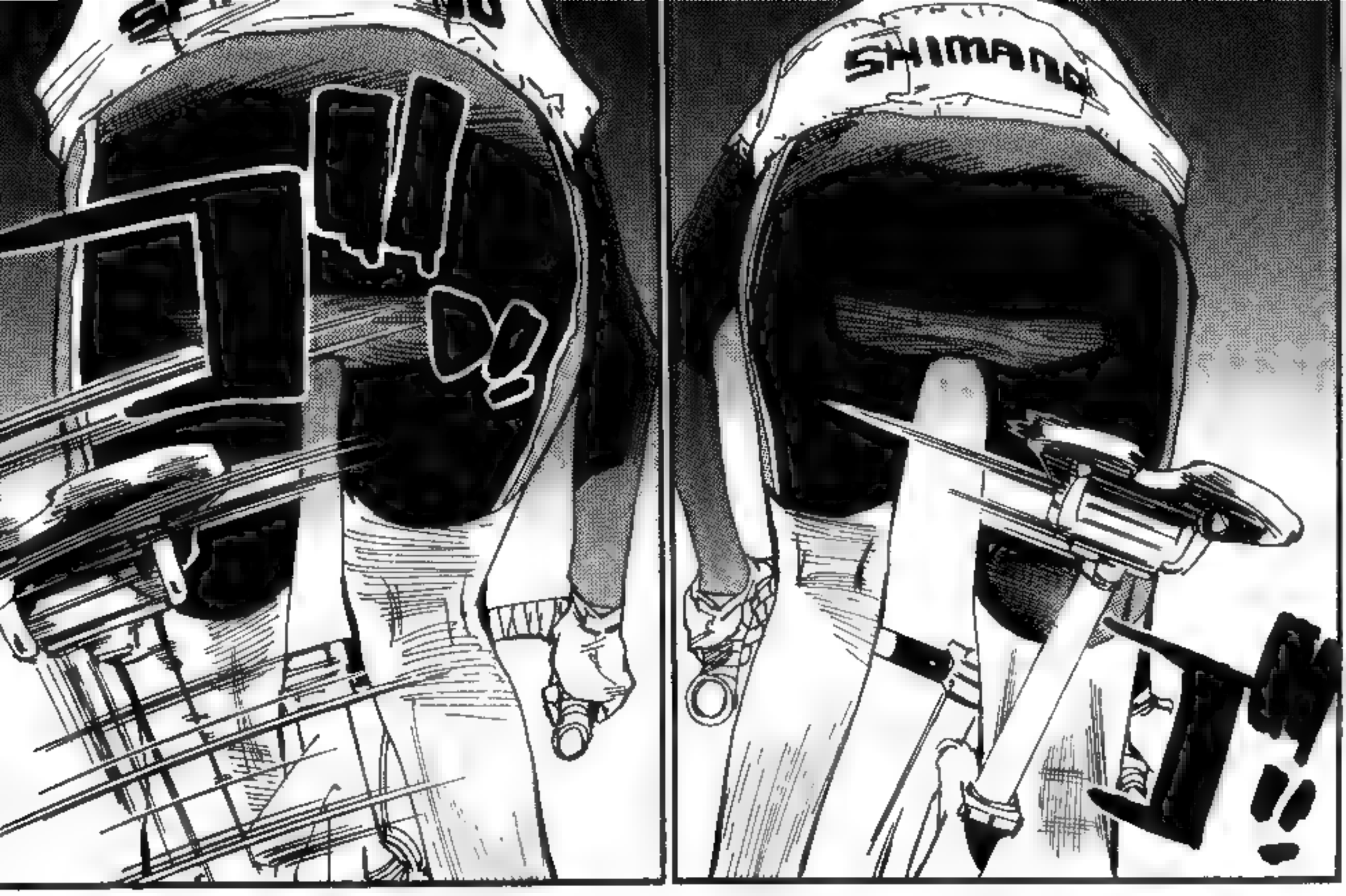
HE CAUGHT UP!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...

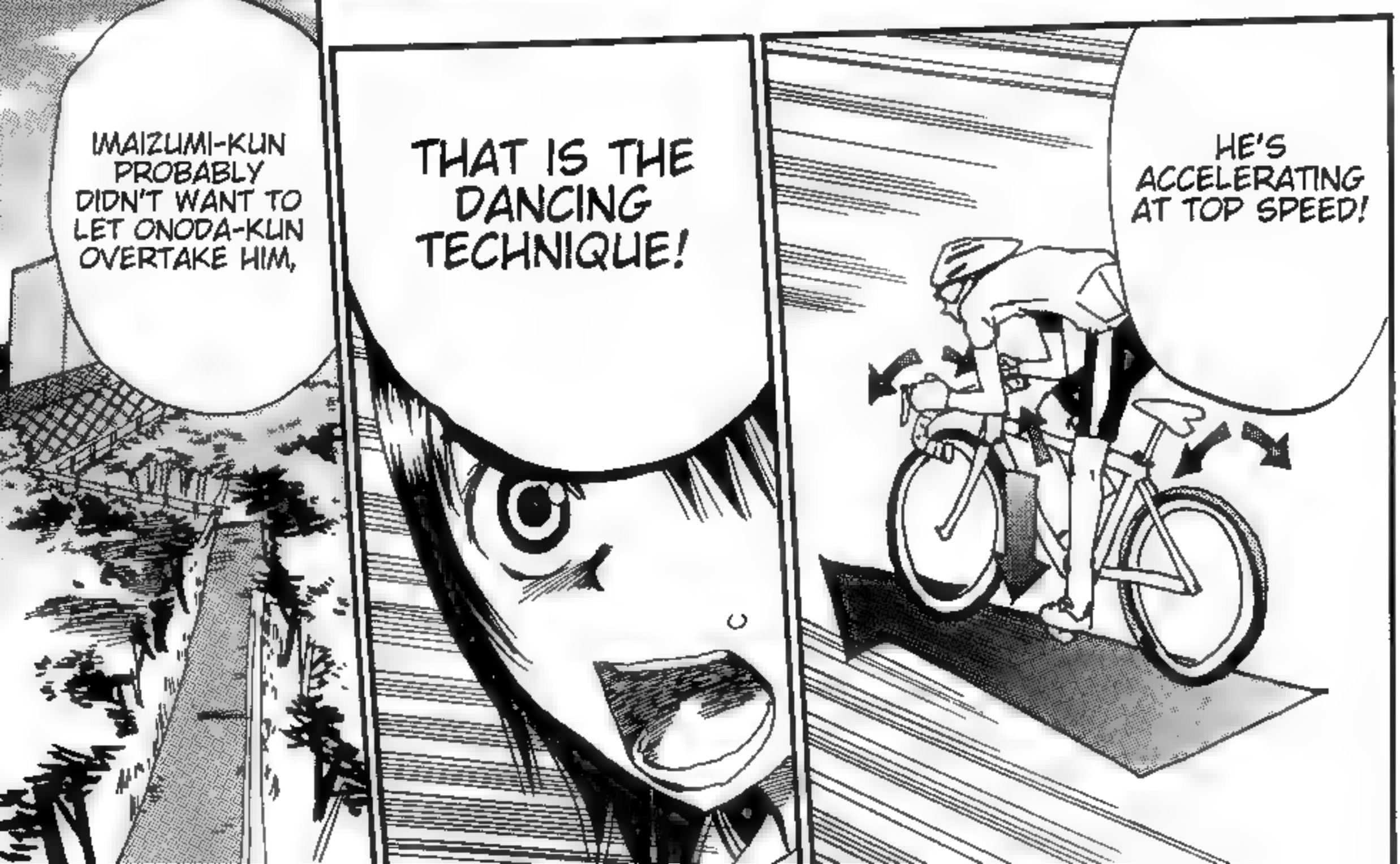
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU...!!

HE'S USING THE DANCING TECHINIQUE!

IMAIZUMI-KUN PICKED UP SPEED!


SHIMANO

BY INCREASING THE GEAR, AND RELYING ON MOMENTUM,
HE'S SWINGING THE BICYCLE SIDEWAYS!!


IMAIZUMI-KUN PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO LET ONODA-KUN OVERTAKE HIM,
THAT IS THE DANCING TECHNIQUE!
HE'S ACCELERATING AT TOP SPEED!

SO HE'S GIVING IT HIS ALL...!

DANCING IS A TECHNIQUE WHICH REQUIRES STRENGTH, HEART-RATE CONTROL, AND STAMINA.

BECAUSE IT'S TAXING ON THE BODY, IT CAN'T BE DONE FOR LONG,

BUT...

BUT IS HE OKAY CYCLING AT THAT FEVERISH PACE?

THERE'S ONLY 20M TO THE NEXT CURVE, AND THEN 400M TO THE GOAL!

WHAT'S WRONG?

COME ON, GLASSES!

IT'S CRUNCH TIME!

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AND MY CALVES ARE...
MY PULSE ...
I'M OUT OF BREATH. HAA

BUT...

DID HE GIVE UP!?

WHAT A PITY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GLASSES?

I'M NOT SURE WHY...

BUT RIGHT NOW...

MY MIND IS COMPLETELY BLANK, AND I'M EXHAUSTED,

I WONDER WHY,

ALL I WANT IS TO CATCH UP TO MAIZUMI-KUN!!

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CLOSING THE GAP!

NO WAY!

HE'S GETTING CLOSER!

WHO'S GOING TO WIN!?

THEY'RE REACHING THE TURN!

YOWAMUSHI PEDAL 1 - END

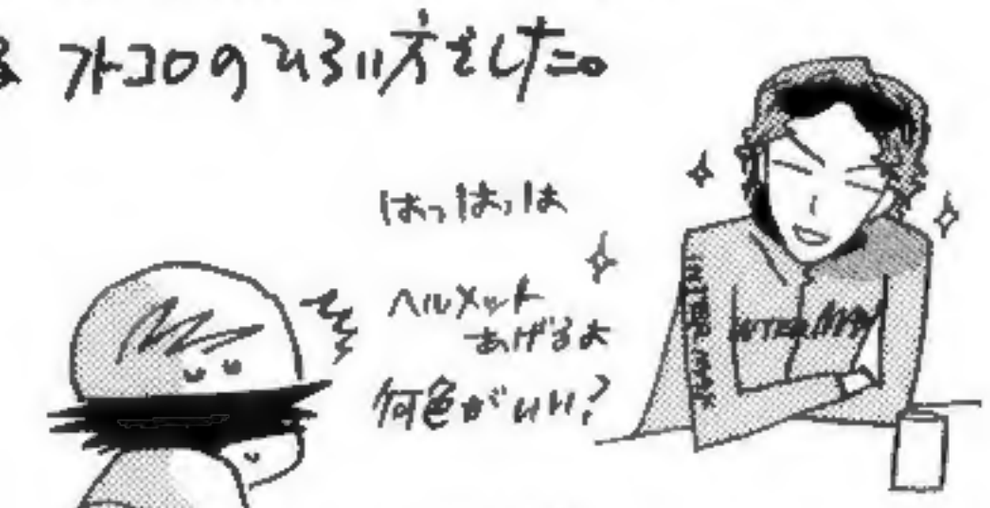
弱虫ペダル取材日記
自転車はたのしいのコーナー

この漫画を描くにあたって いろいろなイベントや大会、方々に取材させて頂きました。自転車にのれたり！ 間近かでレースが見れたりと楽しいことづくめの取材でしたねー。
ご協力頂いた方々 どうもありがとうございました。

中でも今中大介さんの取材は半日も時間をとってもらい しかも一緒に自転車で山を走るという夢のようなイベント性たっぷりの取材でした!!

（マル注）今中大介さんとは自転車ロードレースの本場ヨーロッパの イタリアのチーム（←ポンティ）で プロ選手として活躍されていた方で 95年にジロ・デ・イタリア、96年にはロードレースの最高峰 ツール・ド・フランスに日本人で初めて出場した偉大な方 今は インターマックスという 自転車取扱メーカーの社長をされている 自転車関係の雑誌や ロードレースのコメンテーターとしても忙しい。

取材のかたわら ツールで使ったバイク（←自転車のことをこうよぶ）を触らせてもらったり 写真をとらせてもらったり…！ へんな質問にも 気さくにこたえて下さる カッコのいい方でした。



取材がおわるといざ山へ
会社自体が 山梨県のしかも山のふもとにあるので 日々の練習にはもってこいの ヨダレもの山道が 何本も!! 南向きで陽あたりもいいし 住むにも働くにもすてきな会社でした。

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